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## REDS LIFT SIEGE OF MUKDEN

Reinforcements Rushed Into Manchuria

### Looting Breaks Out In Starving City

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The Communist threat to Mukden was "virtually removed" following a decisive victory over infiltrating Red troops, a high government military leader told the Chinese press today.

General Lo Cho-ying, Deputy Director of the Nationalist field headquarters at Mukden, said the infiltrating forces were "badly defeated" and large reinforcements are being rushed to the Manchurian capital from North China.

Gen. Lo said that large Nationalist forces are being rushed to Manchuria from North China and Gen. Fu Tso-yi's Suiyuan Chahar troops will take over the garrison.

Nationalist observers pointed out, however, that any troop movement from North China to Manchuria will necessarily be delayed owing to the Communist disruption of communications.

Meanwhile, frontline dispatches reported lull on most of the fronts in the Mukden area, but fighting was reported in Hsülin, eight miles west of Mukden near the Jeho border. The dispatches said that the Communists after brief fighting retreated westward.

A Chinese report from Mukden indicated that several cases of looting broke out inside the city when the starving populace robbed a rice shop and two Korean families on Tuesday.

Two ring leaders were caught immediately and executed. The report said that otherwise the city is quiet and calm but prices continued to soar.

**Central China**

In Central China Liu Pei-cheng's Communist troops—split into several smaller units since they broke through near the Tapiehsan base—are again actively raiding Hoephe cities.

Chinese reports said that Liu is apparently trying to re-enter the Tapiehsan area and re-establish the base in accordance with the Communist overall plan to establish bases in Western Hoephe and Tapiehsan.

The Central China Command troops under Gen. Pai Chung-hai were reported to be advancing northward along the Peiping-Hankow railway in an effort to clean up Red units and restore traffic.

Nationalist sources this morning admitted for the first time that the Communists occupied Weihaiwei on the northern coast of Kinoshima peninsula in North Shantung, but claimed that the government troops recaptured the city after a brief Communist occupation.

Earlier reports said that the government troops were forced

Unless residents within the old walled Kowloon City have a legal standing they cannot expect the Chinese Government to intervene on their behalf, said a statement released from the office of the Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, yesterday.

The statement added that the Kwangtung Provincial Government is investigating the legal status of the residents within Kowloon City and that the Commissioner's office is paying attention to the welfare of overseas Chinese in Hong Kong and will protect their legal rights.

A basic solution of the Kowloon City question, the statement continued, will be satisfactorily achieved in due course by the Chinese Government.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner's Office is dealing with the question according to the Chinese Government's instructions.

## HONG KONG WENT TO TOWN LAST NIGHT

Hong Kong set itself out to have a swell time last night and, judging by the gaiety which prevailed in all the hotels and restaurants, it succeeded.

The United Services Recreation Club started the ball rolling with its children's party which was a "howling" success.

The special Xmas Eve dances at the Hong Kong, Repulse Bay, Kowloon, and Star Hotels attracted capacity crowds who danced until the wee hours of this morning.

Earlier in the evening, last minute shoppers who have "just remembered" a relative or dear friend for whom no provision had been made in the "must" presents list, jammed the stores,

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### Cease Fire Details In Java

Batavia, Dec. 23.

The United Nations good offices committee announced today details of its plan for a demilitarized zone to give effect to the cease fire order in the Indonesian Republic's Conflict with the Dutch.

Under the plan, accepted by the Dutch and Indonesians, each side will propose the demilitarized zone it thinks should be set up.

"In the event the parties do not agree," the plan said, "representatives of the committee will propose the limitations of the demilitarized zones, which the parties will be asked to accept."

The committee also proposes that upon acceptance of the zones by both sides there shall be an immediate resumption of normal trade.

Upon acceptance of the zone limits, all forces in the demilitarized zones and those in territory occupied by the opposite side would "move peacefully to the territory on the party's own side with arms and warlike equipment."—Associated Press.

**XMAS HOLIDAYS**

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" until Monday. The "Sunday Herald" will appear as usual on Dec. 28.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a very Happy Christmas.

Mr. Chu requested that the public will not think ill of Tramway employees should they

### Typhoon "Jean" Is Sweeping West Across The Pacific

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

Typhoon "Jean" is expected to sweep westward across the Pacific from the Palau Islands to point 75 miles east-south-east of Samar, Philippines, at 9 a.m. Thursday, Tokyo time, the 43rd weather warning announced today.

Alert warnings were posted to central Philippines while the Palau Islands gave the "all clear" as the storm moved west-north-west at a steady 14 m.p.h.

The maximum speed of the wind near the center was 80

north-westerly gales, which was m.p.h. with little change expected in the next 48 to 72 hours.

High tides and swells are ex-

pected on Friday night along the Philippines east coast.

This afternoon "Jean" showed no signs of lessening. It was 80

### Position In Palestine

Arab Troops Gather At Mufti's Call



As British troops and Palestine Police guarded the pilgrimage to the scene of the Nativity today, rain was falling from sullen skies over Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

About 4,000 British garrison troops took their last look at the Holy Shrine before Britain's withdrawal from Palestine, but thousands of other troops and police were on the alert behind sandbags and barbed-wire, watching the mountains and valleys.

Herb are some of the troubles: Kemal Effendi Arakat (third from right) is the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Mufti's Police private army in Palestine. He is inspecting some of his recruits at a parade held in a village near Jerusalem.—AP photo.

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# Europeans On Traffic Summons

A number of Europeans appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday to answer traffic summonses.

Charged with obstructing the public highway outside Holland House at 12:20 p.m. on December 16, Mr. G. S. Wobly, of the Education Department, was cautioned.

For proceeding along Hennessy Road at over 30 m.p.h. on Nov. 25 Francis Dominic Selcuna, of Tung Lo Wan Road, Wan Chai, was cautioned.

Appearing on a charge of obstruction, Montal Joseph Edward of Kennedy Terrace, was fined \$20. His car was found in ice house street on Nov. 23.

Mr. De Kantezow, of 19, Shun Yip Hill Road, was fined \$20 for leaving his car unattended outside Connaught Road, Central.

Sergeant Beards Moore, of R.A.F. Signals, Tal Hang, was charged with dangerous driving on Nov. 17. He was apprehended by Traffic Inspector Reddish while driving a truck along Connaught Road at about 4:42 p.m. on that day.

**Withdrawn**

The charge was withdrawn yesterday by Inspector Reddish in view of the fact that defendant had left by the Strathnaver for England.

For driving without due care, two Sanitary Department lorry drivers were fined \$33 and \$75. PWD-8218 was found by Inspector Reddish overtaking another lorry along Hennessy Road at 10:40 a.m. and at the same time overtaking a private car on the wrong side of the road. Charged with dangerous driving, defendant was fined \$50.

H.K. Motor Bus 4112 was also found by Inspector Reddish driving recklessly along Upper Albert Road. Defendant was fined \$75.

## Last Fling For Czechs

Prague, Dec. 23. Czechoslovakia's Christmas will be a last fling of comparative luxury before the Czechs buckle down to a hard and hungry winter.

Most Czechs will manage to have fairly generous holiday meals, including the traditional Christmas Eve fried carp, and goose with dumplings and sauerkraut for Christmas Day, candy and cookies strung on the candle-lit tree and an orange for everyone who has not gobbled up his ration of two distributed last week.

However, the January ration cards, distributed before Christmas, will give Czechs their lowest monthly rations since shortly after the war, while on December 27 a heavy luxury tax goes into effect on hundreds of articles, ranging from 20 per cent on liquor to 100 per cent on some luxuries.—United Press.

## Lavish St. Louis Funeral

St. Louis, Dec. 23. Lavish funeral services marked by a procession of a 30-piece band and 46 limousines which tied up Christmas traffic, were held on Monday for Joe Lin, known unofficially as the mayor of this city's Chinatown.

The funeral was attended by Chinese leaders from 28 cities. Lin served seven years as President of the On Leong Chinese Merchants and Labour Association of the Eastern U.S. Christian services in Chinese were used and certain rituals of the old country were retained in the rites.

Lin died on Dec. 13, aged 60. He operated a restaurant here.—Associated Press.

## CHIANG'S HOLIDAY

Nanking, Dec. 24. Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek are to fly to the mountain resort of Kuling this afternoon for the Christmas holiday. The trip had been postponed for an important military conference.—United Press.



Minister Jokop Tito takes a glass of wine from the wife of the Hungarian President in honour of the Jugo-Slav delegation at Budapest this month.

Tito is in Budapest to sign a mutual aid agreement with Hungary. He has already signed a similar agreement with Bulgaria.—AP photo.

The remaining 30.5 per cent was said to support no party.—United Press.

## It Was A Nasty Trick —And He Went To Gaol

"A nasty trick and you will have to go to prison for eight months with hard labour," declared Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Kwan Chung-leung who pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of \$1,000 from Chiu Yung on Dec. 20.

Det. Sub-Inspector D.S. Roberts stated that the complainant was the benefactor of the accused.

Complainant was a travelling trader and went to Macao on business on Dec. 19. There, he met defendant who was begging for alms. Believing the man's tale that he was a member of the Chinese Medical Corps, Chiu took pity on him.

When Kwan stated that he was willing to come to Hong Kong, complainant brought him back on Dec. 20 and permitted him to stay at his (Chiu's) house at 88 Lai Chi Kok Road, second floor. Defendant was also promised a job.

At 9 p.m. that night, complainant's uncle, Cheuk Sin-pak, lent him \$1,000 for his business. An aunt, Lau Siu, acted as guarantor. The money was handed to Chiu at his house in the presence of the aunt and defendant.

**Took Off His Coat**

Half an hour later, the complainant took off his coat (with the \$1,000 in one of the pockets) and hung it on a nail in the sitting room, preparatory to taking his bath.

When he came out from his bath, at 10 p.m., his aunt told him that accused had left and that before leaving he had tried on the coat and looked into the pocket.

On examining his pockets, complainant found that the two \$50 bills had disappeared. He reported to the Shamshui Po Police.

Suspecting that Kwan had returned to Macao, Chiu went to

## Break In Russian Church

Miami, Dec. 23. The Russian Orthodox Church here today severed relations with the Moscow Patriarch, claiming that he is trying to implant Communism in American parishes.

The Church allies itself with the New York Archbishop "until the liberation of the Patriarch and the country of Russia from their ungodly yoke!"—United Press.

## ARREST DENIED

Tehran, Dec. 23. Reports of the arrest of Ghavam es Sultaneh were flatly denied by the authorities in Tehran today. It is now believed that he may shortly leave the country for Switzerland, where he wants to take medical treatment.—United Press.

# The Christmas Spirit Yoshida Takes A Stand

TOKYO, Dec. 25. Former Premier Shigeru Yoshida, presently President of the Liberal Party, speaking in Kochi City on Shikoku Island, today demanded the resignation of the Katayama Cabinet, according to reports received in Tokyo.

He said in the Katayama Cabinet he no longer represents the populace and is unfit to be in office to face the forthcoming peace conference for Japan.

Meanwhile, a public opinion poll conducted by Jiji Press revealed that 25.4 per cent of the people questioned supported the Liberal Party, 17.8 per cent supported the Social Democratic Party, 17.6 per cent supported the Democratic Party, 3.3 per cent the People's Cooperative Party and 2.9 per cent the Communist Party and 2.2 per cent supported the other political parties.

Socialists decided 10 days ago on a half day general strike the same day, involving an estimated half million workers in the city. The Katayama Union is Communist dominated.—Associated Press.

# Britain May Vote Conservative

London, Dec. 24. The Conservative "Daily Express" said today that a sample of British public opinion during the first two weeks of December showed that 38 per cent of the British electorate would vote Conservative, 34 per cent for Labour and seven per cent for the Liberal Party.—United Press.

## Bombay Strike Threat

Bombay, Dec. 23.

The Girni Kamgar (Textile Workers) Union on Tuesday night decided to call on 200,000 members to strike on December 29 as a protest against foodstuffs decontrol and what it called partiality in industrial adjudication.

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Belgrade, Dec. 23.

Five Franciscan monks at Pola in Istria were sentenced to prison terms of four to 15 years for espionage for a foreign power, according to official dispatches from Ljubljana today.

The monks were convicted by the district high court of sending 111 radio dispatches from a secret transmitter in Saint Anthony's monastery in Pola containing "military and economic information"—United Press.

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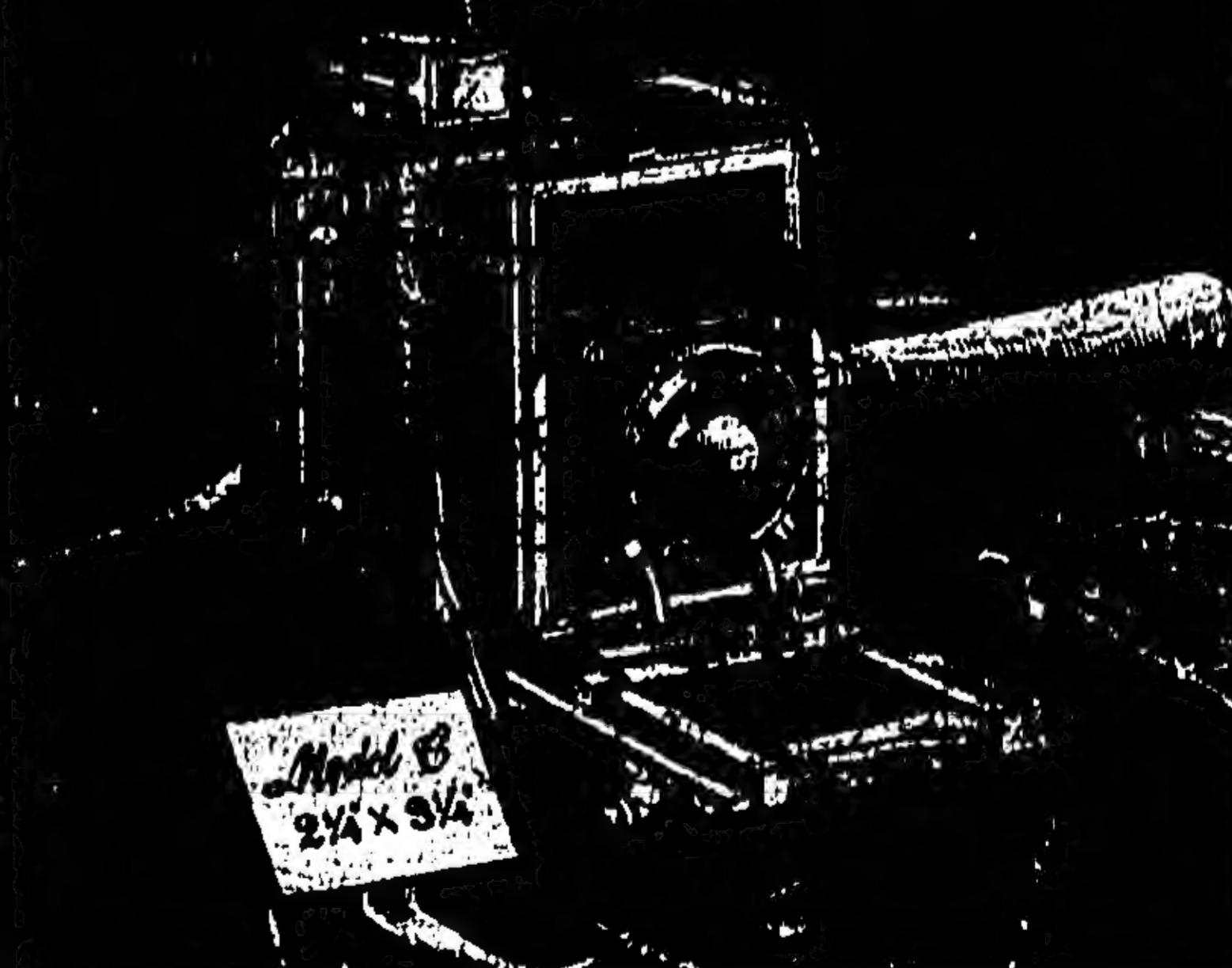
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New York, Dec. 23. For peace on earth the majority of the people in five countries—the United States, Britain, Canada, Holland, and Sweden—are willing to surrender part of their national sovereignty to the United Nations to make it an effective world government having control over the armed forces of each member nation.

This view which represents a long step in mankind's quest for collective security is reported today—two days before Christmas—by the American Institute of Public Opinion, popularly known as the Gallup Poll.

With its affiliates in four European countries, the Institute attempted to ascertain whether American, British, Canadian, French and Swedish voters thought the United Nations should be strengthened to make it a world Government, with power to control the armed forces of all nations.

In each of the five countries the majority of the people polled answered affirmatively.

Here are the poll results in percentage: the United States, yes 56; no 30; Sweden, yes 44; no 29; Canada, yes 69; no 29; England, yes 50; no 27. The majority of Canadians polled are willing to turn over control of Canada's foreign policy to a world parliament, if the other nations do likewise.

It may be recalled two years ago at the San Francisco conference China's then Foreign Minister, Dr. T. V. Soong, stated that China for the sake of world peace was prepared, together with other nations, to surrender part of her national sovereignty to the United Nations. Dr. Soong's remarks were hailed then by some American newspapers as most statesmanlike. That such sentiment is shared today by the majority of the people in five leading Western countries is considered by many observers as a hopeful sign of progress in this war-torn world.—Central News.

PEIPING, Dec. 24. The United States Ambassador, Dr. John Leighton Stuart, arrived by plane today from Nanking for Christmas at Yenching University, which he considers to be his home. He expects to remain a week on an unofficial visit.—United Press.

FREE HAND

Paris, Dec. 23. The French Government announced today that the French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Emile Bollaert, will be given a free hand to continue all necessary action on negotiations to restore peace and liberty in Indo-China.—United Press.

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# CHINA'S SECRET POLICE

## Shanghai Seizure In Broad Daylight

### Weakness In New Constitution

Shanghai, Dec. 24. In Shanghai a couple of weeks ago a well dressed youth walking along the famed Bund was stopped in broad daylight by a couple of unidentified men, hustled into an automobile under protest and driven away.

Nothing has been heard from him since. His kidnappers, everyone appears to agree, were government secret servicemen.

The incident was one of the boldest strokes of these underground agents in recent months.

It is as though an American were

snatched out of a crowd on Broadway in midday. In the little Kiangsi town of Changsha an old woman, mother of the notorious Tal Li, long head of China's Secret Service who met his death two years ago in an air crash, aka plaintively, "When will my son come home?"

The old lady has been spared the shock of knowing he no longer lives. Generals, former associates, regularly write him a letter in his name to tell her he is busy with important business in the capital.

These two incidents—unimportant taken alone—are reasons why the Chinese public regard with apathy tomorrow's proclamation of a new Chinese constitution.

Though its first 21 articles guarantee in categorical terms freedom and rights of the individual, the Shanghai kidnapping—multiplied a hundred times throughout the nation—and the legend of Tal Li's secret police offer little assurance that anything will be changed after Christmas Day.

Doctor Hsu Shih, noted educator and former Ambassador to the United States, told the Associated Press that China will have no real democracy as long as the secret police system continues, a hangover of the Kuomintang's early adoption of the Soviet Russian one Party form of government.—Associated Press.

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## U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN

### Senate Investigation May Be Demanded

#### "Reds" Blame "Pinks"

Washington, Dec. 24. An investigation by the Senate into American policies toward Japan may be undertaken when Congress reconvenes early in January. Long bubbling Congressional dissatisfaction with some of the directives United States policymakers are formulating for Japan burst into the open just before Congress closed its special session prior to the Christmas holidays.

In a speech before the Senate, Republican Senator William Knowland, of California, turned the spotlight on the policies being pursued in decentralizing commercial combines and trade monopolies throughout Japan.

In identifying the policy as FEC 230, Mr. Phillips, calling on authorities to fight an expected campaign of sabotage by Communists and their fellow travellers during the coming months, said: "We issued appeals to the workers to increase production long before Mr. Phillips, in the Labour Party.

"The Communist Party is proud of what its members have done in industry and agriculture, and in the pits.

"It is the Labour Government that is sabotaging production. It is cutting down capital expenditure on which the future production of the country depends.

"It is checking the production of houses, schools, hospitals, and health centres. It is surrendering Britain to American big business."—Reuters.

#### DIPLOMATS ON TRIAL

Nuremberg, Dec. 23. Twenty-one former German diplomats and officials pleaded innocent when arraigned before a U.S. Military Tribunal. They are charged with committing crimes against peace and humanity.

The court fixed Jan. 6 as the starting date for the trial. Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker is the chief defendant. He formerly was Secretary of State in the German Foreign Office. He was serving as German Ambassador to the Vatican at war's end.—Associated Press.

#### An Attempt At Socialisation?

Washington, Dec. 24.

Hundreds of children made a pilgrimage in Trafalgar Square today when the Works Minister, Mr. Charles Key, officially received from the Norwegian Ambassador a 48-foot tall Christmas tree sent by the people of Oslo.

#### Gale In Vienna

Vienna, Dec. 22. Five were today reported killed and over 100 injured in a gale raging over Vienna for the past 15 hours.

Many buildings were ruined and thousands of bricks and tiles were blown down into the streets. Several roads were blocked by debris.—Reuters.

#### Nehru Visit To Britain

London, Dec. 23. The Office of the High Commissioner for India in London in a statement issued today declared that India's Premier, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, "has long intention of accepting the long-standing and friendly invitation of the British Government," but added that no date for Mr. Nehru's visit to Britain has yet been fixed.

He could only come "when conditions in India permit Pandit Nehru to leave the country," it was stated.

The reports and rumours about the purposes of the visit were entirely unauthorized, the official statement said.

The visit is intended primarily to serve as manifestation of the desire of the Prime Minister of India and his colleagues to maintain relations of cordial friendship with the Prime Minister and Government of the United Kingdom."—Reuters.

#### IN RUSSIAN HANDS?

Vienna, Dec. 23. The American-licensed Vienna newspaper Wiener Kurier today claimed that M. Paul Katscher of the Ministry of Transport, who disappeared mysteriously on Dec. 6, was being held in a Russian concentration camp at Wiener Neustadt.

Katscher vanished the day before he was due to leave for Geneva to report to the International Transport conference on the international distribution of railway wagons.—Reuters.

#### German Steel King Sent To Prison

Nuremberg, Dec. 22. Friedrich Flick, former German steel king said to have been Germany's richest man at the end of the war, was today sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for war crimes by a United States tribunal here after a trial lasting eight months.

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#### Norway's Gift To London

LONDON, DEC. 22. HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN MADE A PILGRIMAGE IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE TODAY WHEN THE WORKS MINISTER, MR. CHARLES KEY, OFFICIALLY RECEIVED FROM THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR A 48-FOOT TALL CHRISTMAS TREE SENT BY THE PEOPLE OF OSLO.

Children crowding on the lions and the base of Lord Nelson's column, gazed up at the tree glittering with tinselled snow and strips of silver paper used for anti-radar purposes by the Royal Air Force during the war.

The Norwegian Ambassador said the tradition of having a Christmas tree was very old in Norway during the war. Norwegian ships ventured through all dangers to bring back a spruce tree from Norway so that King Haakon might look at one grown on his native soil.

"The tree is the expression of the admiration we Norwegians feel for the people of London for the great part they took in winning the war," the Ambassador added.—Reuters.

#### Christian Colleges In China

New York, Dec. 23. The United Board for Christian Colleges in China reported today that more than \$600,000 worth of equipment has been sent to 18 Christian colleges in China during the past year.

The executive secretary, Dr. Robert J. McMullen, said next year's plans include "providing more adequate equipment, improving enrollment, raising standards and increasing the emphasis on development of Christian character."

Dr. McMullen added that every effort would be made to improve the faculty "and pay more suitable salaries."

Commenting on last spring's student strikes in many Chinese colleges he said "students in Christian colleges have been less prone than those in Government institutions to interrupt their studies and express feelings on national and international issues by strikes and parades."—United Press.

London, Dec. 23. Indian patrols killed more than 100 raiders in an attack on two raiders' concentrations in the Poonch area of Kashmir, the Indian Defence Ministry announced tonight. New Delhi Radio said.—Reuters.

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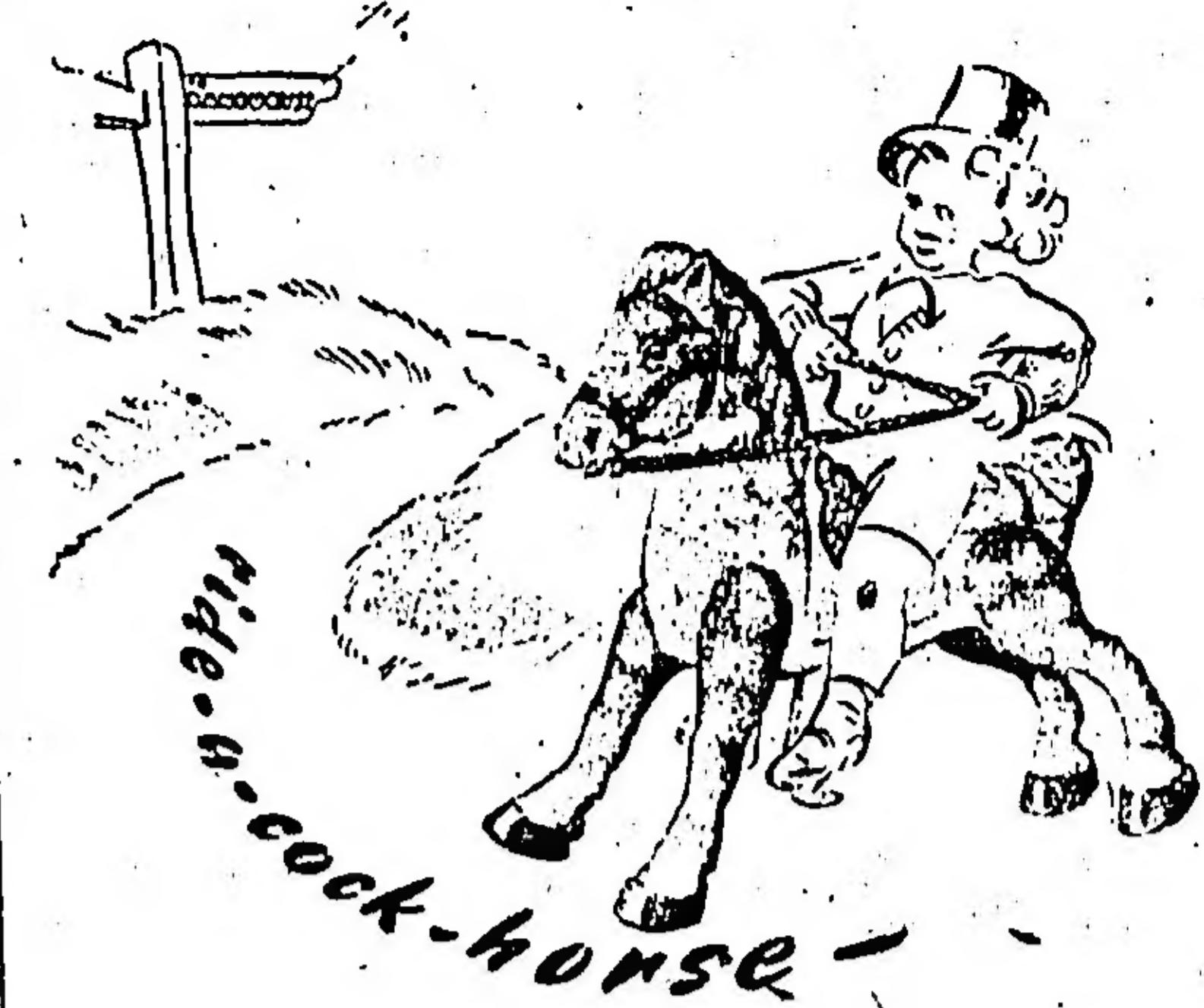
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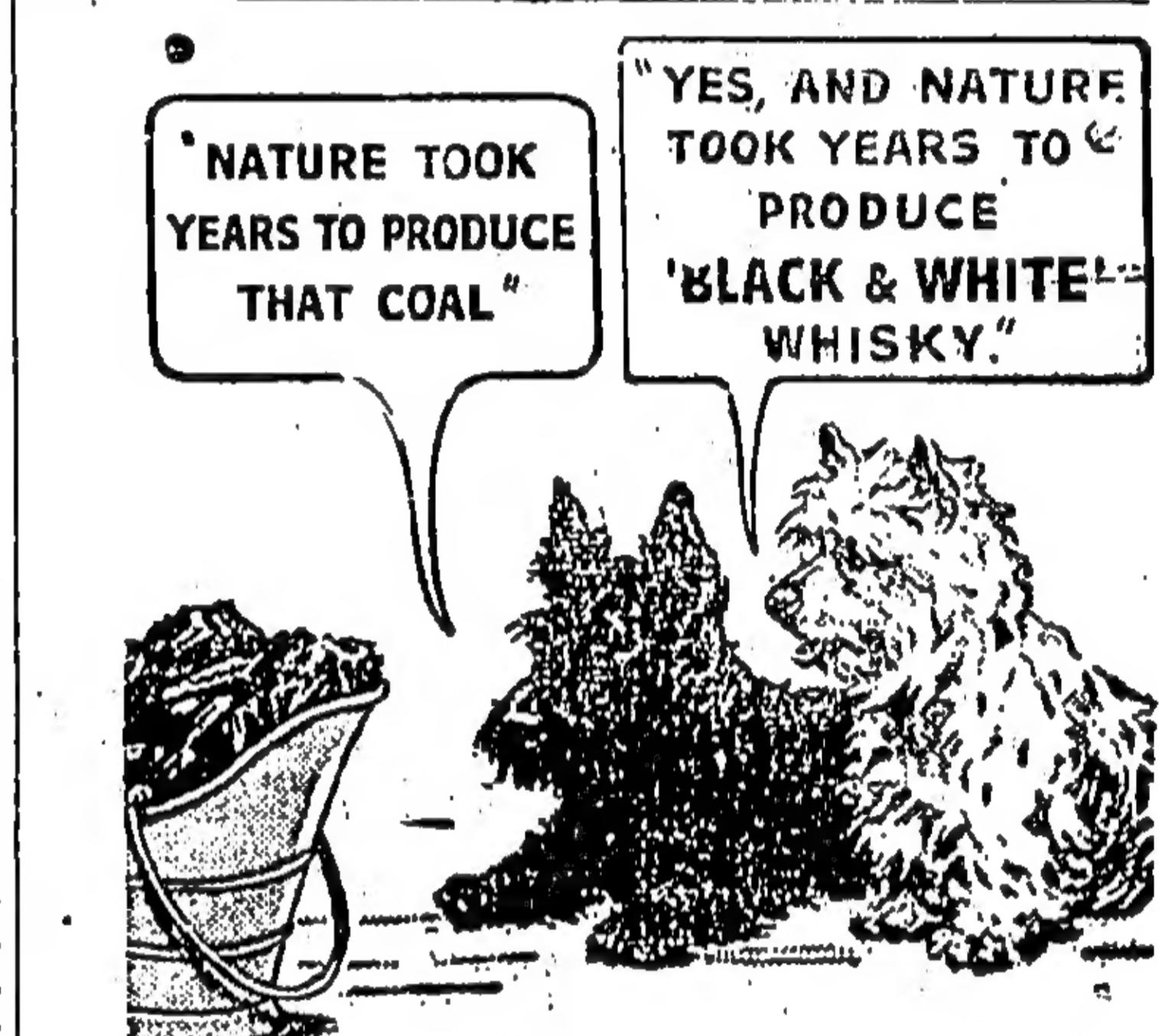
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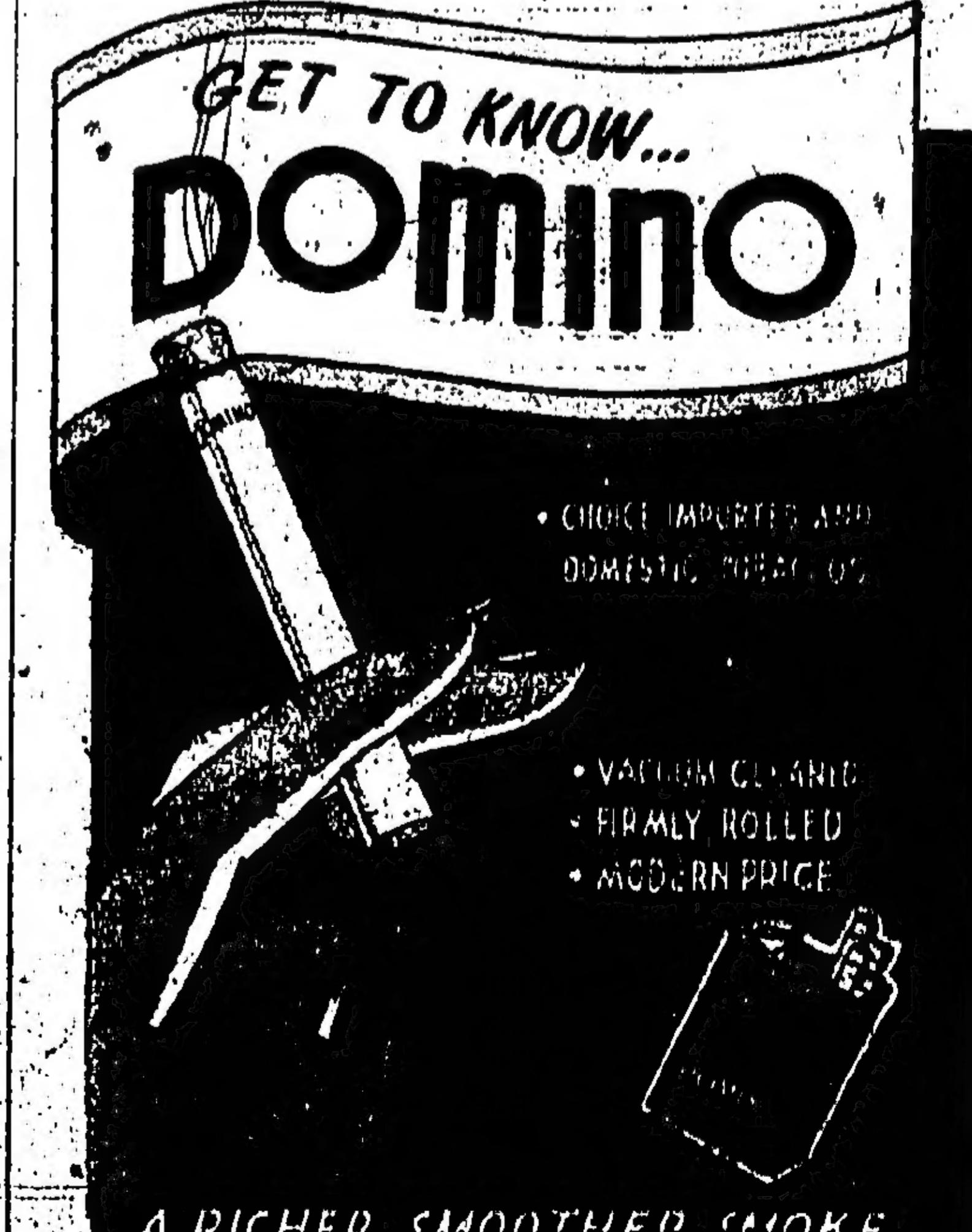
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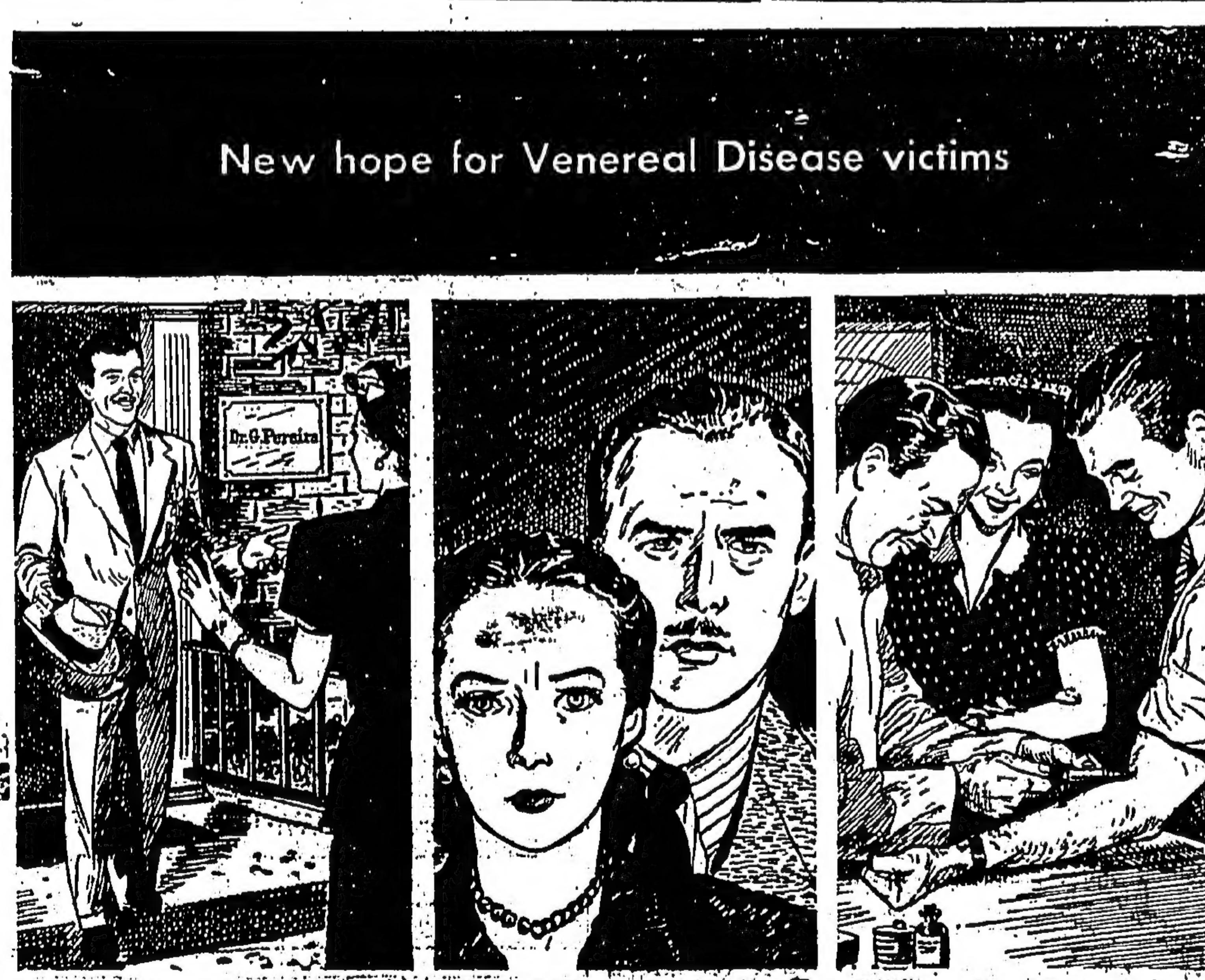
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# CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

## Parliament Adjourns With Good Trade Tidings

### Cripps Cheerful For Once

London, Dec. 23. The British Parliament adjourned for the Christmas recess on Friday in a mood of cautious but rising optimism which is in marked contrast to the anxious atmosphere which the new session opened two months ago.

So buoyant were the feelings of some members that Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, just before Parliament rose, thought it necessary to stress the long way that remains to go to reach industrial targets and to warn the nation not to be cast down by inevitable temporary falls in production figures due to seasonal and other foreseeable factors. This said, Sir Stafford sent the House of Commons away with a cheerful report and Lord Pakenham did likewise in the House of Lords.

Sir Stafford's words were the more attended to because of his well-known aversion from undue optimism. In his report the rising coal output naturally took first place, over 2,000,000 tons more coal having been cut so far this winter than at the same date last year. Nevertheless, Sir Stafford added, the effects of the very big programme of reconstruction and mechanisation now in hand have scarcely begun to show yet.

In textiles Sir Stafford reported a "really encouraging increase." "At last we have a quickening response to our situation," he said. The numbers employed in the textile industries rose from 756,000 in June to 784,000 in November. The weekly average output of cotton yarn, which was a little over 12,500,000 yards in June had risen to nearly 14,750,000 yards in November. Output of woven wool fabrics rose from 20,000,000 yards in June to 23,870,000 by the end of November.

Sir Stafford also reported a "real increase" in the second Stalin election district. Moscow Radio said his vote was unanimous and many voters wrote on their ballots "moving expressions of their love, gratitude and greetings to Stalin." —United Press.

### "Unanimous Vote" For Stalin

London, Dec. 22.

Moscow Radio reported today that voters of Moscow's 24th precinct "to the last man" voted yesterday for Joseph Stalin, "who thus has been unanimously elected to Moscow city of the Soviet."

The radio said Stalin received all the votes of 1,017 registered voters in the precinct, plus 505 from "persons who came to vote at this precinct from other localities."

Sir Stafford said his vote was unanimous and many voters wrote on their ballots "moving expressions of their love, gratitude and greetings to Stalin." —United Press.

### No Strings Attached

Brussels, Dec. 21.

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, said tonight there did not exist "and could not exist" political conditions to the Marshall Aid Plan. He was speaking at a meeting attended by M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, at the Palais des Beaux Arts.

To the audience which filled the hall to capacity, M. Bidault stressed that Mr. Marshall's offer was accepted by all the Governments who were in a position to answer freely. If those who refused would later reconsider their decision, he said, their place was still reserved for them.

Referring to the nations who accepted American aid, M. Bidault added: "But we cannot refuse to peoples that which others, rashly or under constraint, refuse to theirs." —Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 22. A French naval escort today took an Italian three-masted vessel, suspected of illegally carrying passengers from Italy to Spain, into Toulon. The ship and her crew of 12 were "put under observation." —Reuter.

### TAX ON TRAVEL

Budapest, Dec. 23.

A tax is to be imposed on all Hungarian citizens going abroad. The tax will be 30 florins for the first 10 days, 60 florins for the next 10 days and 100 florins for a further 10 days.

For longer periods, a monthly rate will be fixed.

Only emigrants and those appointed to posts aboard will be exempt from the new tax. —Reuter.

### Dewey Favoured For Presidency

Washington, Dec. 23. Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, will win the 1948 Republican presidential nomination and will defeat President Truman in the November election, according to a poll of 57 Washington political writers by "Look" Magazine.

The poll showed that 20 of 57 correspondents believe Dewey will be the GOP nominee. Congressman Shembrow got 18 votes, Senator Pat, 18, and Senator Vandenberg, five. Gov. Fred Martin was not mentioned. All correspondents agreed that the Republicans and the isolated small conservative states would be running state delegations, while all delegations would not be



The body of General Jacques Leclerc (Viscount de Hauteville), Commander of the French second armored division during the liberation, killed in an air crash in southern Algeria was taken to the Cathedral of Notre Dame and following requiem mass was moved to its final resting place in the chapel of the invalides, Paris, where Napoleon, Louis and many other French soldiers lie. Photo shows a wreath from French President Vincent Auriol being placed at the casket at the tomb of the unknown warrior in Paris. (AP Photo)

### Greatest Economic Planning Ever

New York, Dec. 23.

American newspaper comment today on President Truman's message to congress calling for \$17,000,000,000 for Marshall Plan aid to Europe varied from warm praise to a hint that the Administration's outlook was "dictated by black-mail."

The New York Herald Tribune declared: "With dignity and with forcefulness, President Truman has presented to Congress a distillation of the greatest effort towards international economic planning that has ever been undertaken.

"From this point on, the major responsibility will rest upon Congress.

The paper added: "The heart of the plan is sound and necessary—necessary to the maintenance of the civilization in which the American way of life is rooted, indeed, for the maintenance of that way itself."

The New York Times said that the President took his stand on what promised to be one of the most controversial issues of the whole program.

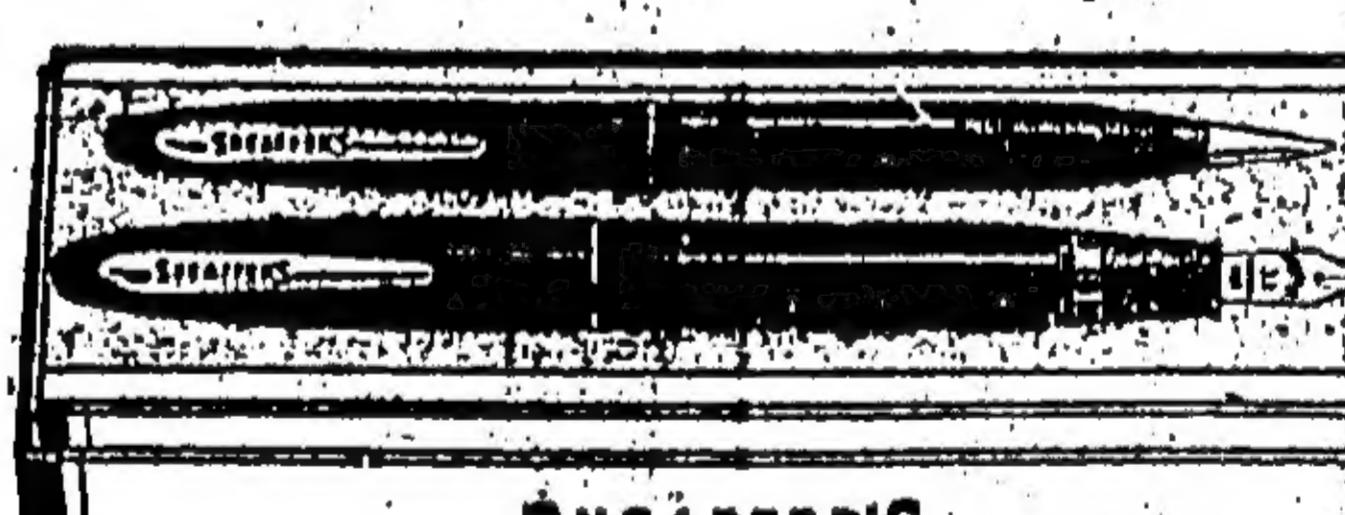
"Some of the President's more cautious advisers had urged that he put the programme on a year to

year basis, asking Congressional authority at this time only on that part covering the first 15 months.

"This hypocritical course he rejected unceremoniously." —Reuter.

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### Monk Gets 16 Years' Hard Labour

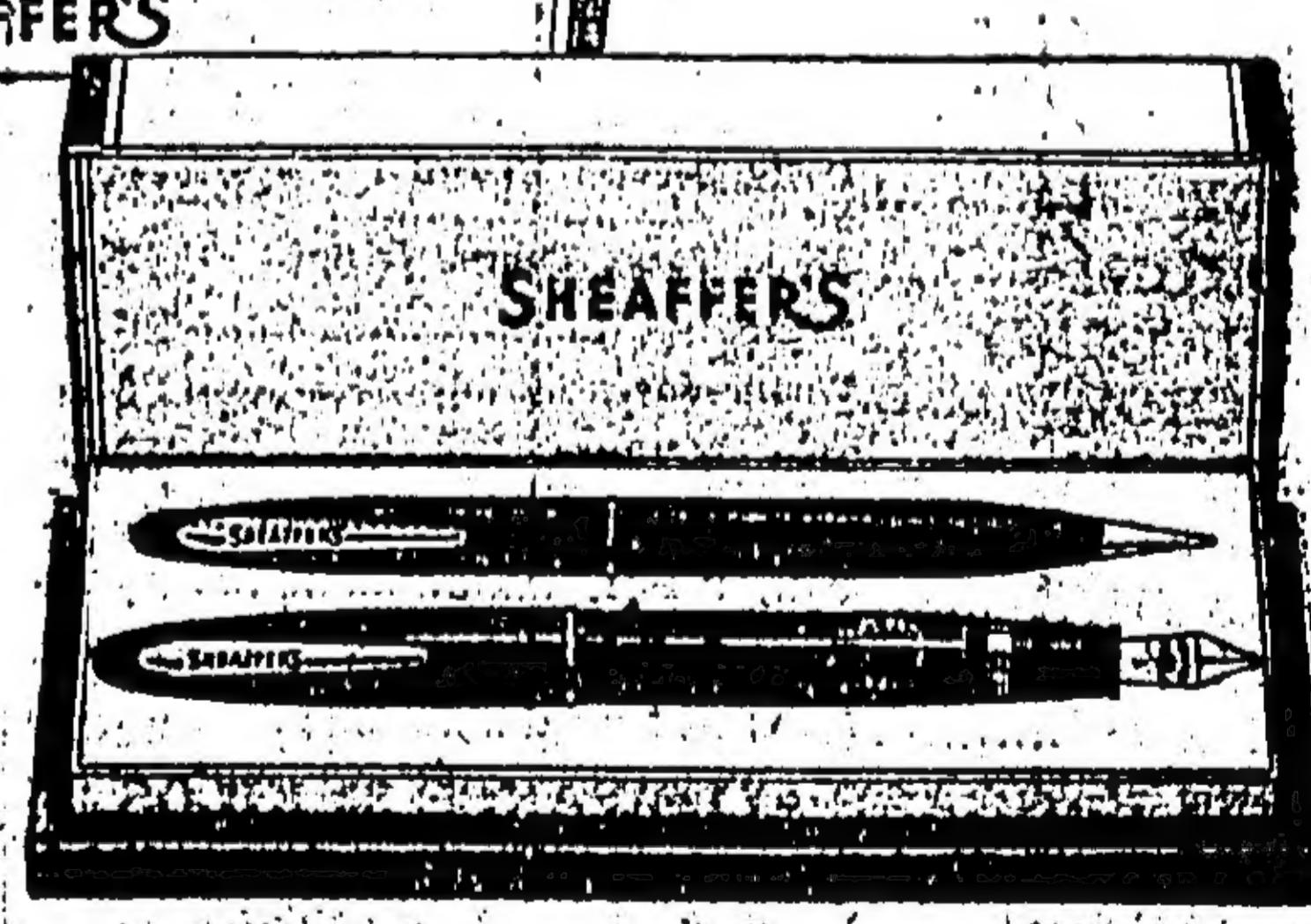
Belgrade, Dec. 22. Father Albino Gameiro, of a group of monks accused of having a secret radio station for transmitting military information to a spy centre abroad, was sentenced today to 16 years forced labour, the Yugoslav News Agency reported from Pula, south of Trieste.

The other defendants received sentences ranging from three to six years forced labour.

When the trial began, the prosecution alleged that in March, 1947, before the British and Americans handed Pula over to the Yugoslavs under the terms of the Italian peace treaty, Father Gameiro agreed to work actively for a foreign espionage service. —Reuter.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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## PERSONAL

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR GEE, Penelope and Christopher, ask their friends' indulgence for adapting this means of wishing them all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

## CHRISTMAS

Once again we welcome in the Christmas season, with its inspiring message of hope, its renewed call to high endeavour, the glow and warmth of its spirit of gladness and goodwill, of friendship and fraternity.

Nothing in the world of international affairs is live with encouragement, it is true, but this day the wider scene may be permitted to recede into the background, and we may count our blessings nearer home, and find cause to rejoice. That is, most of us.

For many in Hong Kong, of course, Christmas Day is one of vivid and tragic memory, memory of a December 25th six years ago when our world crashed about our ears, leaving us shocked and numbed by the swiftness of calamity, and for many days quite incapable of interpreting the disaster in terms of its personal meaning and impact.

If, therefore, this sixth anniversary of the Fall of Hong Kong comes at the closing of a year of prosperity rarely equalled in the Colony's history, fitting to a festive air, there is call, too, for moments of reflection and silent thought for those who find it a little more difficult to stir gladness in their hearts.

## The Scars Of War

The scars left by the Japanese onslaught are not all personal. Much remains to be done before it can be said that they are truly healed. Too many are without homes, where alone Christmas can properly be celebrated. Reconstruction in many fields is essential before we can recover the fullness of life and living, obtain the true reward of our endeavours.

This is applicable to almost every sphere, even to ourselves. No-one is more conscious than we of the technical improvements that are necessary to bring our publications back to their pre-war standards. We are beginning now to recover the old "feel" but are still without so many necessary replacements of equipment lost or destroyed in the descent of the Japanese juggernaut.

The advances we have made have been comforting and reassuring. It was no small achievement to be able to resume publication within a few days of the arrival in Hong Kong of the liberating British Fleet under Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, when our plant (such as was left) lacked every important element in the means of production. Borrowing from here and borrowing from there, from friends in the printing trade who displayed the true spirit of goodwill, alone made it possible.

Since then, a good deal has been done by piecemeal progress, to give our readers a newspaper in which today we feel entitled to take some pride. By that we do not mean that we are satisfied. Very much to the contrary. But the difficulties common to all undertakings in obtaining equipment since the war, we still have to overcome, though an assurance has been received that more essential items will soon be available.

Most of our present-day shortcomings, we are glad to say, will then automatically disappear.

## The Christmas Moonlight Is Cold

## IN THE CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

By ROBERT MILLER

In this cradle of Christianity, there is cold moonlight, and men are wowing violence and vengeance upon their neighbours.

Christmas Eve comes again to the Holy Land.

But there is no "multitude of heavenly hosts" to proclaim "peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Instead, there is war, and bloodshed.

There is no Christmas truce between Jew and Arab. Since the partition of the Holy Land, voted by the United Nations, the conflict has quickened.

I have just filed a dispatch saying that 260 persons had been killed and 604 wounded

and Joseph went five miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. The road is macadamized now instead of being of soil and gravel, but it still winds through hardy olive trees.

Soldiers are still along the road, but now they are British troops in green armoured cars instead of the legions of Caesar Augustus.

Men fought for religious faiths for centuries, and as you pass out of Jerusalem you can see the outward signs of the struggle still going on.

Members of the Jewish defence force Haganah are in roof-top nests, with rifles and grenades, near the Wailing Wall. Arabs crouch in similar rooftop nests, ready to die in defence of the Mosque of Omar.

At the foot of the Mount of Zion, an old man crouches on the stones.

Just as the cobblers down the centuries set up shops along the main roads, where shoe soles wear thin, so this old man is hammering at leather with crude tools.

Tiny donkeys, hidden beneath great piles of olive branches on their backs, crowd the road and move aside to let them pass just as travellers on the same road must have done the same day almost 20 centuries ago.

I note there are six new graves on the Mount of Olives today. Two of them are in the Morlem cemetery on the east slope and they hold the bodies of men who were killed by a bomb at the Damascus Gate. On the west slope are four Jews, whose convoy was ambushed last week near the Pool of Solomon.

On down the shiny macadam road, you come to two dark splotches—the blood of two young Arabs who were shot down a week ago tonight.

Halfway through the journey, you come to the Well of Rest where, tradition says, Mary and Joseph paused on their way to Bethlehem. The same worn boulder is still there, shaded by the olive groves.

The place is aptly named Well of Rest, for under the olive branches, off the road, there is peace and quiet and the noise of traffic on the highway comes only as a faint hum.

Farther on, it is time to turn off the main road toward Bethlehem, and that brings you to the Tomb of Rachel, an ancient reminder of the valley of the shadow of death into which each woman who is with child must enter. It was here that Rachel, wife of Jacob, died in childbirth while the family was moving to Hebron. The tomb

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## 100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

An express arrived about 11 o'clock this forenoon from Cunningham, with intelligence that some ten or twelve armed Junks had entered the anchorage and that their object was probably an attempt upon the Opium vessels.

The Agents for the Underwriters lost no time in representing the matter to the Admiral, and as no vessel of war was available at the moment, the River Company's Steamer "Hongkong" was chartered for the service, several drafts of men were put on board her from the "Hastings" and a pennant and a White Flag hoisted, which, however, were presently hauled down, and the Steamer proceeded out of the harbour about 3 p.m. under the Mercantile Ensign.

It is probable some later.

Intelligence had reached the Admiral to the effect that the desired assistance was no longer needed.

The Magistrate of Shu-kin-foo (reports the "Pekin Gazette") has memorialized the throne that all the Manchou students from the Chinese Provinces shall be examined at the literary college, and such as he deems worthy scholars in the language he hopes that His Majesty will employ in the Government, in the capacity of Manchou Interpreters.

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## Season's Greetings

In the meantime, may we wish our readers every joy this Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



## Important BBC Programme Tonight

Today, the people of Britain,

The microphone will first bring voices from the continent of Europe. Chester Wilmot, who will be with British troops and DPs in Germany, will speak from a hut in Luneberg Heath. Another commentator will be in Alsace, where the old battlefields will be revisited. From Poland, Edward Ward—ex-POW, who spent last Christmas isolated by stormy seas on lonely Bishops Rock Lighthouse—will describe how Christmas is being celebrated in the war-battered city of Warsaw.

## British Isles

Then will come the voices from the British Isles.

Christmas greetings will come from a typical miner's home; from a Fenland farm in East Anglia which suffered with many others in last winter's severe floods; from a Cockney gathering in South London, cheerful as ever and getting the most out of a Christmas of shortages and austerity; and a point in mid-Atlantic, 500 miles west of Ireland, where a BBC commentator is spending Christmas on board the Weather Ship "Weather Observer."

## The Commonwealth

Commonwealth greetings follow those from the British Isles.

Descriptions of Christmas Day scenes in Nairobi will be followed by a message from Indian Christians in a welfare mission, and then—and this will be of poignant interest to many—post-war emigrants from Britain will broadcast messages home from the Dominions of Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

The last Christmas message of all, before the King's, will come from the United Nations; Sir John Boyd Orr will be heard speaking from Washington, DC.

Then Sir Laurence Olivier, who introduced the programme, will send London's own greeting to men of goodwill wherever they may be and the voice of Sir Ben will herald His Majesty the King.

The programme, which will be heard in Hong Kong from 10 p.m. onwards, is expected to last about an hour and a quarter.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES

## MORE PLAYERS KNOW IT

It is not so long ago that anyone who made a "grand coup" would go around telling all his friends about it, usually showing them the hand which he had copied down as a token of his superlative skill.

The principles of the play have become well known, however, in the last few years, that it is being made more and more now by more and more players. They have reached the Admiral to the effect that the desired assistance was no longer needed.

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To the fourth trick, South fished the spade J. Seeing the 10 drop, he decided East had the remaining three defense trumps. Unable to lead trumps through them any more, he saw that he had to place the lead in the dummy when the third-to-last trick was played. By so doing, he could compel East to play before him. To do this, however, he had to shorten his own trumps so that his own hand would not win the tenth trick.

South then led his diamond Q, over-playing with the K and losing to East's A. Back came the club 3 to the 6, 8 and 10. Now the good diamond J was led and ruffed by the spade 4. South led to the club A and brought out the good diamond 10, which he trumped with the spade 6. Then he led to the club K and called for the club J. East, with only the spade Q-8-7, had to play before South with the A-K-9, so was shut out of any trump trick.

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# SHARP JEW-ARAB CLASHES

## Illegal Immigrant Ship Seized Near Haifa The Turmoil In Palestine

Jerusalem, Dec. 23. The two-masted Haganah schooner, "You Won't Frighten Us," carrying about 850 Jewish illegal immigrants—including about 150 children—and a naval boarding party quietly entered Haifa harbour today by a tug.

British destroyers intercepted the ship yesterday about 105 miles south-west of Haifa.

First to disembark were three men and a woman, said to be newspaper correspondents. The police detained them, Jewish sources reported. A number of stretcher cases were taken to hospital.

The refugees, who came from Europe and included two babies born on board, were transhipped quietly to be taken to Cyprus. They had been at sea for about a fortnight and six days ago were battered by a storm.

In Jerusalem's walled old city this afternoon Jews, Arabs and the police were involved in a gunbattle with rifles and automatic weapons. It was not clear who



Eighty Jews and Arabs were killed and many more injured in violent Arab demonstrations in Aden over the U.N.O. decision to partition Palestine. Damage from arson and looting is estimated at £200,000. Riots are seen setting cars on fire near the National Bank of India offices. Order was eventually restored by the Royal Navy and airborne troops. (AP Photo)

### Christmas Present

London, Dec. 23. Mrs. K. Howe of Colchester received today with her Christmas post a letter posted at Ipswich, 18 miles away in 1911, telling her of the birth of a niece now 30 years old.—Reuter.

was doing the attacking. As the first burst of tommy-guns fire swept through the old city cafes and bazaars emptied and Arabs and Jews hurried for shelter.

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and probable Prime Minister of the new Jewish state, escaped unharmed when a Jewish convoy in which he was travelling to Tel-Aviv from Jerusalem was shot up by Arabs halfway on the route. Jewish source in Tel-Aviv stated today.

Arab snipers, hidden in prepared ambush positions on the Mount of Olives and Mount Ascension, opened fire today at the funeral of Robert Oliver Stern, a British-born Jew murdered in Jerusalem two nights ago.

Mourners threw themselves down or crouched behind tombstones as bullets whizzed over-

### Wedemeyer At Odds With Marshall

Washington, Dec. 23. The Evening Star in an editorial on the Chinese situation said that General Albert Wedemeyer's views seem considerably at odds with those of Secretary of State George Marshall.

It said Marshall has come out in recent weeks in favour of limited aid to China amid mounting pressure from a largely Republican group. Marshall's view is to give priority to Europe. The opposing view is to act at once in an all-out spirit to bolster China.

"At least, on the face of things, the realities of the situation seem to give strong support to the Marshall approach," the Star said.

"The Communists are a greater threat in Europe than in China. The Chinese have mighty potentials, but their economy is largely agrarian.

"The plain fact therefore is that they do not weigh as importantly in the world balance of power as the highly industrialised, relatively more stable nations scheduled to participate in the European recovery programme.

"There can be no doubt that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek needs help, but there are questions to be raised as to how much and when. The important thing is to make sure it won't weaken the key effort in Europe."—Associated Press.

**INDICTMENT**  
Budapest, Dec. 23. The Hungarian Public Prosecutor has sent to the People's Court an indictment charging Karl Peyer, leader of the Independent Social Democratic Party and 13 others of espionage through conversations with representatives of a foreign power.

Peyer was reported on Nov. 26 to have left Hungary.—Reuter.

**SWISS TREASON TRIAL**  
London, Dec. 23. Nineteen people, found guilty of "attacks on the independence of the State and political treason", were sentenced to terms of imprisonment or penal servitude by the Swiss Federal Court today. The Swiss Radio reported.

Some of the defendants were also found guilty of betraying military secrets. Others were found to have joined the German armed forces including the Waffen SS.

The sentences varied from short terms of imprisonment to 10 years penal servitude.—Reuter.

### Arabs At Crossroads

Bagdad, Dec. 23. Sayi Jabur Sulih, Primo Minister of Iraq, told the Iraqi Parliament today that the Arabs today were at the "crossroads".

"Either we die or live—and we shall live", he said, adding: "Iraq as well as other member states of the Arab League is executing measures to prevent the establishment of a Zionist state in Palestine".

He declared that he was unable to disclose the decisions taken by the Arab League at their recent council meeting in Cairo. The Premier reported that Britain had protested or warned the Arab states about Palestine.—Reuter.

### CHURCH A STATE ORGANISATION

Moscow, Dec. 23. The Russian Church has for purposes of the recent trouble exchange been treated as a "State organisation" and has

had all its money exchanged at one new rouble for one old.—Reuter.

### New Border Dispute Arises In India

Calcutta, Dec. 23. The first border dispute between Eastern Pakistan and West Bengal was reported today to have arisen over the village of Char Sarandajpur situated on the frontier between the districts of Murshidabad and Rajshahi.

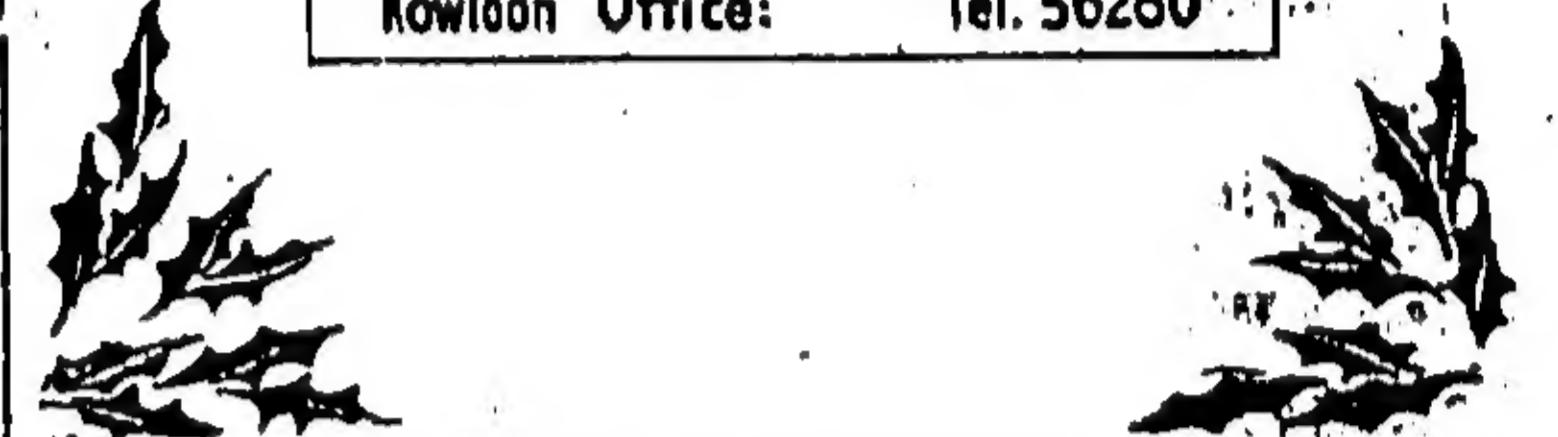
The report said that some East Bengal Government officers crossed the border and entered the village attempting to collect subscriptions for Quaid-e-Azam, Jinnah's refugee relief fund and more than 300 unarmed villagers fled without awaiting information on their mission.

Report said that a large police force heavily armed from East Pakistan then occupied the village and refused to surrender it to West Bengal.

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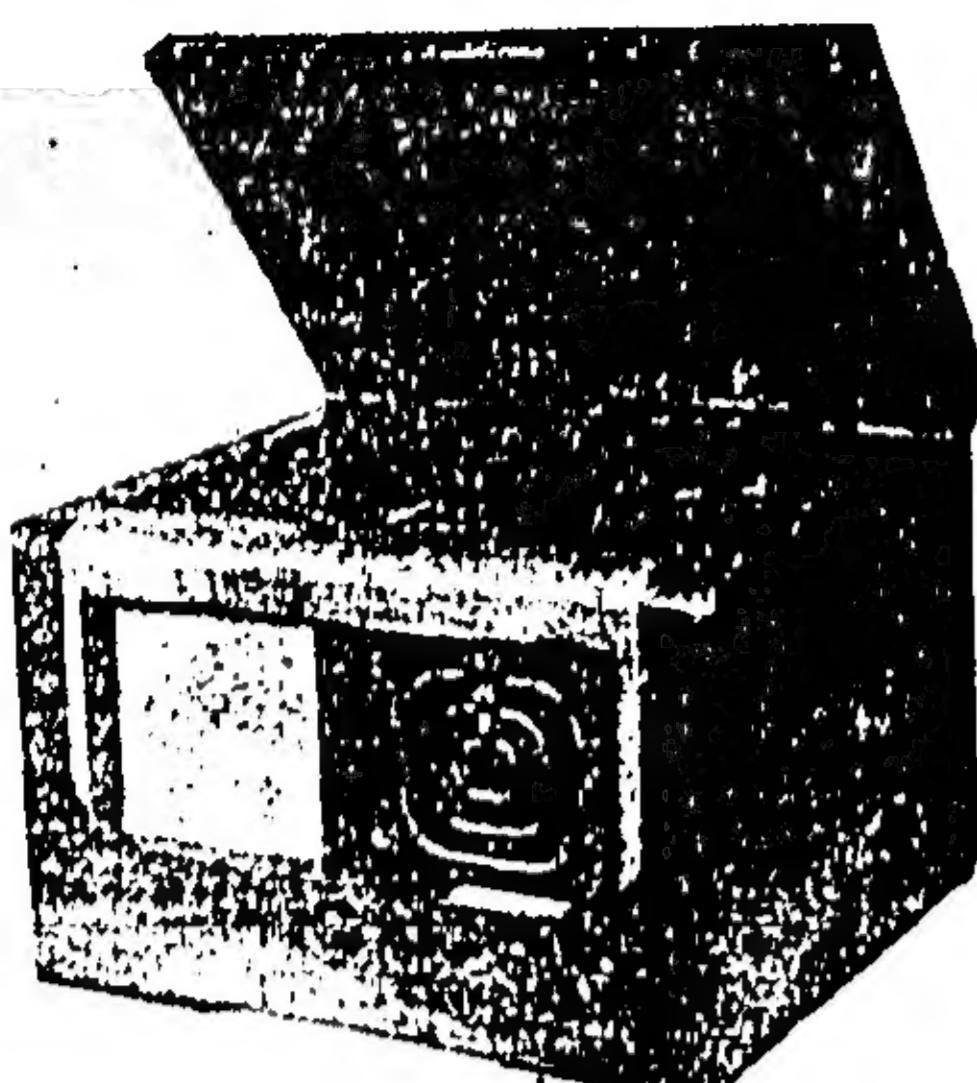
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# PANAMA REJECTS PACT

## United States To Withdraw From War Bases

### Ambassador Called To White House

Panama, Dec. 23.

The National Assembly of the Panamanian Republic late last night refused to ratify the agreement signed on December 2, leasing 13 military bases in the territory of Panama, outside the Canal Zone—the five mile strip, on both sides of the Canal, which had been under United States administration since 1904.

The resolution rejecting the agreement was passed unanimously as a crowded gallery cheered and sang the Panamanian national anthem.

Shortly before, Senator Florencio Atomina, the Foreign Minister, had resigned because of his Party's opposition to it.

A Washington message said that the United States is to withdraw "as quickly as possible" all troops from 14 defence bases which the Panama Republic has refused to lease.

The United States will now base the defence of the Panama Canal on facilities inside the Canal Zone.

The announcement by the State Department declared: "In accordance with oral agreements made with the Panamanian Government in the course of negotiations, necessary steps will be taken immediately to evacuate all cities in the Republic of Panama outside the Canal Zone where United States armed forces are now stationed.

This withdrawal will be completed as quickly as possible, consistent with the number of personnel and the amount of material involved."

The United States Department explained that the United States considered these sites essential to an adequate defence of the Canal but did not want an agreement that was not acceptable to the Panamanian people.

"Failure to conclude an agreement will not, of course, affect normal friendly relationships between the two countries," the State Department said.

Earlier today, President Truman summoned his Ambassador to Panama, Brigadier General Frank Hines, to a White House conference as Congressmen claimed that "Communist inspiration" lay behind the Panama Parliament's refusal to approve a new agreement with the United States for the leasing of the 14 bases guarding the Canal.

Military officials stated that the rejection by the Republic of Panama is a potential threat to United States security—especially to its naval forces.

To face this threat, Mr. Albert Engel, Chairman of the House

**Potential Threat**

Brigadier General Hines, after his conference with President Truman at the White House, said that he believed an agreement would be reached with Panama for the United States to maintain military bases there, despite the Panamanian Government's refusal to approve the new bases agreement.

The Truman Administration recently recommended to Congress an expenditure of some \$2,000,000 on the present Canal to turn it into a lockless waterway which would be immune from atom bombing.

**Nicaragua**

Mr. Engel did not refer to Nicaraguan by name but he claimed: "I am sure there are other countries in Central America that would be glad to give us defence bases if we developed another canal."

The importance the United States attached to Panama's rejection was considered here to be shown by the speed with which President Truman acted in summoning Brigadier General Hines to his office.

It is considered in Washington that a diplomatic approach to the Panamanian Government has been made more difficult by the present presidential campaign in the Panamanian Republic, in which the leasing of the bases to the United States is a lively issue.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 22.

Marseilles Harbour Radio today reported that the four-masted yacht "Le Capitaine Guyomard" (856 tons) was wrecked near the mouth of the Ebro River, off Spain, on her way from Oban to Marseilles. Two of the crew of 18 were reported drowned.—Reuter.

### Gandhi Wants A New Goat

New Delhi, Dec. 23.  
Mohandas K. Gandhi is in the market for a new goat to supply him an essential part of his diet—goat's milk.

Nimma, famed goat of the Mahatma for the past years, died at Wardha in the Central Provinces, a dispatch from there said today.—Associated Press.

### Inevitable Steps In Germany

BERLIN, DEC. 22.—THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNOR, GENERAL SIR BRIAN ROBERTSON, TODAY SAID THE WESTERN POWERS WOULD "TAKE NO IRREVOCABLE STEP" IN GERMANY WHICH WOULD MAKE FUTURE AGREEMENTS WITH THE RUSSIANS IMPOSSIBLE.

In effect, he said that the United States and Britain would not establish a separate Western German state.

The Governor, however, parried questions of correspondents who tried to pin him to a flat yes or no on whether the split in Germany would eventually become a reality.

He told a press conference "certain steps" would be taken in the zonal area of Western Germany but declined to say what they would be. He added that these steps would "inevitably be forced upon us."—United Press.

**HARD TIMES**

London, Dec. 23.—The sum of £56,16. 6. has been given so far to the House of Commons catering staff for the Christmas Fund, compared with £1,197. 6.0. last year.—Reuter.

**Forecast For Germany**

### Soviet May Call Plebiscite

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Political observers in Berlin declared today that the swift succession of rulings by Soviet military headquarters, which had resulted in the dismissal during the week-end of three leaders of the Christian Democrat Union, might soon be followed by "important political events."

One such development, it was suggested, might be a plebiscite by which Germans in the Soviet occupation zone could "determine their destiny" such as was demanded on Saturday for the whole of Germany by the Permanent Committee of the People's Congress, an organisation created under the sponsorship of the Soviet-supported Socialist Unity Party.

Such a plebiscite, it was thought, might be called for if and when the Soviet occupation authorities took steps to revise their present relationship with the Western Allies in the Control Council and the Berlin Kommandatura.

The Christian Democrat leaders who were dismissed were the Chairman of the party, Dr. Jakob Kaiser and Herr Ernst Lemmer, and the editor of the party newspaper Neue Zeit, Herr Wilhelm Gries.

**Spontaneous**

Neither the party organisation nor the party press are the same as before the Soviet moves.

While Berlin newspapers in the Western sectors today carried streamer headlines reading "Kaiser and Lemmer eliminated", the party organ, Neue Zeit, now under Soviet control, did not mention the abrupt ending of Dr. Kaiser's party leadership.

Instead, it declared that provincial organisations of the party had severed relations with the zonal party directorate "until confidence could be restored".

The official Soviet organ in Berlin, Tagesspiegel Rundschau, declared: "Reports that Dr. Kaiser and Herr Lemmer have been dismissed are incorrect."

The tenor of the explanations in Soviet-controlled papers is that the elimination of the two leaders came as a result of a spontaneous action from within

### Honours Go To Malayans

London, Dec. 23.—Men and women in Malaya, were honoured today by the King for bravery and valuable services during the war in a list of awards published in London today.

A medical officer in the Medical service of Malaya, Dr. William Archibald Balhetchot, has been made an officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Three others have been made Members of the same order. They are Yeoh Bak Choon, Tutor in Surgery in the College of Medicine in Singapore, who performed valuable services at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital during the Japanese occupation; Mrs. Nora Clowns, a Briton, living in Perak, who is honoured for services to fellow internees in Malaya during enemy occupation; and Major Fred Harvey of the Salvation Army for services to fellow internees at Ayer Ittan camp on Penang Island.

A Singapore hospital assistant, Henry Edward Klyne, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil division) for services during enemy occupation in Singapore small-holder.—Reuter.

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—THE EPITAPH BALDWIN CHOSE FOR HIMSELF

## STANLEY BALDWIN

Yet in his day Baldwin towered among his contemporaries. He seemed to embody all the qualities—and in his burly form portray even the physical contours—of England.

His bluff manner, and measured tones, his sober, rather old-fashioned clothes, his pipe, his tolerance and courtesy and fundamental decency were what his countrymen—and a large part of the civilised world—like to think of as being essentially "English." He encouraged this impression. Whether or not he ever wrote those moving and majestic Speeches on English (some say Dr. Tom Jones did), Baldwin effectively, and beautifully, pronounced them in his slow, sonorous tones.

The doubt, perhaps, arose because the man who looked so nodding and steady-going was one of the laziest characters in public life. That he could have written them is certain, for he was a scholar as well as an acute observer and lover of the English country scene and the English language.

### Mystery Man

It is another part of the enigma of "plain" Mister Baldwin," as the British public knew him, that the alteration between the wars that he was by no means all English.

A powerful strain of Scott-Hinton blood coursed in him which helped him to understand Ramsay MacDonald. He also had enough of the Welsh in him to "sum-up-and-lav-off"—Lloyd George.

"I am a simpleton," said Baldwin. "He was really a very, very subtle man. He fought and beat in turn, Lloyd George, Bevin, and Churchill. Here were three of the shrewdest and most formidable contending in British politics. They all underestimated "Simple Stanley." He meant them to.

This was how he had arrived in power, the thing for which Baldwin, with all his protestations, lusted as voraciously as any other vicious politician.

As a well-liked but little-known Tory supporter of the Lloyd George Coalition Government, he had graduated from being Financial Secretary to the Secretary of the Board of Trade. Still holding that office, he had attended the dramatic meeting of the Tory rebels at the Carlton Club in 1922 when by a large majority the party resolved to quit the Government and break up the Coalition.

It was Baldwin's speech which was decisive. It was for the revolt. He said he feared Lloyd George too much, for this man's dynamic personality had already split the Liberal Party and might now shatter the Conservative Party.

### Unknown Man

Within a few hours Lloyd George had left 10, Downing-street, never to return. With him went such famous figures as Winston Churchill, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Austin Chamberlain, Baldwin, the unknown man who had slain the giant with all his glory as the Man Who Won the War, became Chancellor of the Exchequer in the new Tory Government.

He did nothing spectacular.

His settlement of the American Debt on too-onerous terms for us was disastrous; but it had not yet caught up with him when the Tory Premier, Bonar Law, resigned on the grounds of his failing health.

A terrific hubbub arose in the hive of the politicians. Who should succeed as Prime Minister? The long odds were on George Nathaniel, Marquess Curzon, but to which the noble lord himself subscribed. He took the train to London, to find that the King had sent for Baldwin. He had not even thought of him. He wept. "Not even a public figure, a man of no experience, and of the utmost insignificance."

So, for the second time, somebody had believed that Stanley Baldwin was a simpleton. It seemed, indeed, that perhaps he was when a few months later he plunged the country into a General Election on Tariff Reform. He lost it, and the first Socialist Government came in under MacDonald.

Baldwin was bitterly reviled, but he had heard that Lloyd George was on his way home from the United States and going to stump the country in favour of Protection as the only method of combating the slump. Baldwin himself was convinced of this policy: Why let that "dynamic man" steal the Tories' clothes?

The Socialists did not last long, and soon Baldwin was back or Prime Minister with a huge majority. It cannot be said that he did very much with his power.

His five-year run was, by five notable events: (1) The return to the Gold Standard, which placed the British export trade under overwhelming disabilities, thereby contributing to the attack on miners' wages; (2) the General Strike, which directly affected four of these events: (i) the great debate in the House of Commons on the Prayer Book; (iv.) the steady decline of British agriculture; and (v.) the rapidly steady decline of British air power to fifth in rank.

**The General Strike.**

The General Strike, the second World War, and the war against Hitler, was undoubtedly the very thing which Stanley Baldwin

himself once an iron industrialist in Worcestershire, sincerely wished to avert. He wanted to restore the old, paternal paternalism of his forebears.

Once the strike had begun, the man who had drifted into it showed astonishing energy. His speeches rallied the forces of order and calmed the nation. They reassured that "other nation," too, the millions of working men who had struck simply in sympathy with the miners. The strike was almost everywhere conducted with a moderation and good temper which astonished the world. In ten days it was all over.

Baldwin was the hero of the hour. He had prayed "Give us Peace in our time, O Lord!" But when he had the chance to bind up the wounds he went to sleep again. "The snores of the Front Bench reverberate throughout the land," said Tory M.P. Moore Brabazon, a remark which kept him out of Tory Governments for the next 10 years.

At the 1929 General Election these snores, combined with the timid slogan "Safety First!" put the Government themselves out.

It required another dose of Socialism in office to bring them back—in coalition with the chief architect of disaster, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald himself.

**The Abdication.**

This was the Abdication. It came as a staggering shock to millions, even including members of the House of Commons.

Baldwin had long known the circumstances which were leading to this inevitable end.

It seems he had taken no effective steps to deal with it.

Yet, again when the crisis broke, he rose to it, handled it superbly. I know how the English people will react to anything that was one of the few blots he permitted himself.

He knew, how they would take this blow all right. Odd, that he could not foresee how they would take Dunkirk. He received the mightiest cheer of all except the new King and Queen when he drove in his carriage to the Convention.

It was his last and his greatest triumph. Raised to the peerage as an earl, the man who had been so long "plain" Mister Baldwin—"man of the busy scenes of politics" to his beloved Worcester farms and markets.

The shadows were closing in for the long night of terror over

## "White Race Doomed"

Sydney, Dec. 23.—Archbishop Dubig of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Cathedral said today that if the House of Lords decision on marriage remains in effect the "white race is doomed."

The Archbishop said the Lords decision handed down by Lord Jowitt that children were not the principle aim of marriage "completely rejected Christ's teaching."

He said it came at a time "when the coloured races are multiplying and threatening the future of the Empire." —United Press.

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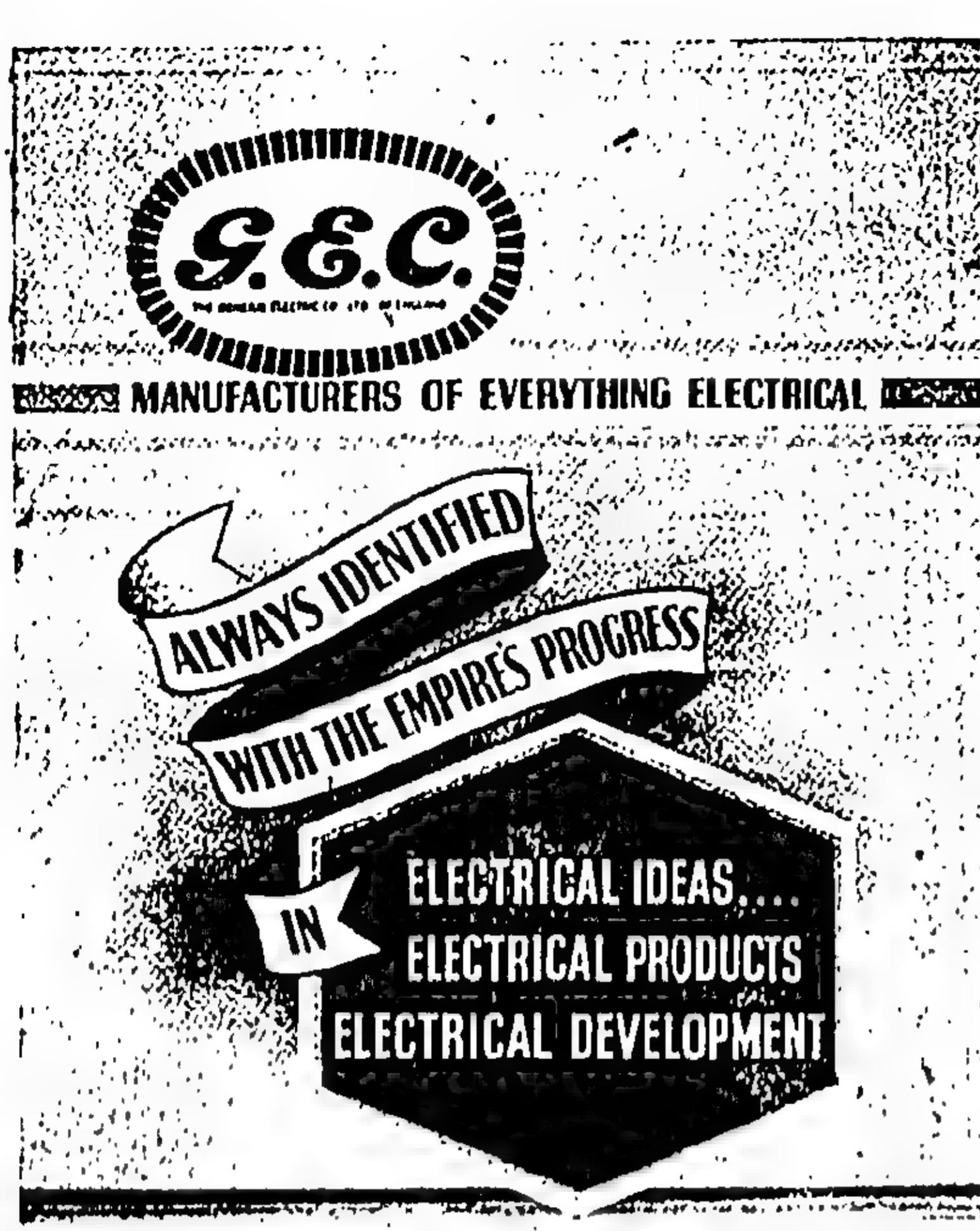


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## ENGINEERING PAGE

# Fluorescent Lighting

### "Bronco" A Realistic Toy Horse

A realistic toy which makes the ordinary rocking horse as out of date as a pre-war automobile, the "Bronco" was the result of a brainwave which came to Harry Sebel almost in a flash at the end of a long conference.

Before the war, the firm made architectural ironwork, while during the war it concentrated on gun-wheels, radar masts, tank parts and aircraft components, torpedo racks and sections for the famous "Mulberry Harbour." The staff had to be expanded enormously and when Sebel was trying to think of a way of keeping his employees on when the war ended, he thought of toys.

Toys seemed the quickest and safest way of securing stable employment for his workers, for a customer for toys is born nearly every minute! Then he hit on an idea that was to revolutionise the toy-making industry—a "galloping" rocking horse."

He rapidly sketched a simple mechanism that would enable almost any animal toy to move at a speed of four miles an hour. A model was made up, and in taxidermist's shop in the Old Kent Road he found the body for it. A few days later, a full-size Zebra was walking about in his backyard. It is today a treasured museum piece.

Stuffed animal skins, however, proved impracticable. An artist designed the desired animal in clay and then made a plaster cast from his original. Eventually the moulds taken from these sculptures were reproduced by giant presses in sheet steel.

The result is the "Bronco"—a "horse" that looks the real thing in miniature, which gallops indefinitely, fast or slow, as the rider wishes. There is no complicated mechanism, no clockwork. Mounted sturdily on its own four legs it is safer than most rocking horses, and is ridden the same way as any ordinary horse.

Although it is the most spectacular, the "Bronco" is only part of the Sebel range of toys, none of which follow the stereotyped patterns, yet all of which have been time-tested and proved to more than live up to the claims made for them.

These toys, for which Davie Bong & Co. are local agents, include a rocker-swing, a merry-go-round, a multi-purpose chairdesk, and roller skates designed for the tiny beginner.

### Ingenious Logging Device On Bush Radios

An original logging device, named the "Telelic," is fitted to the now Bush all-wave radio receiver designed specially for the number-dial on an automatic telephone, the "Telelic" allows a number to any short-wave station desired and, once received, the tuning of that station in future becomes an easy matter.

The set is designed to work on AC current or from a vibrator pack fed by a 6-volt car battery. The vibrator is plugged into the socket of the rectifying valve and fits conveniently inside the cabinet. The set itself works on wave-lengths between 13.5 metres and 660 metres (22 megacycles to 560 kilocycles).

As the set is designed for export, Bush were able to make it somewhat more colourful and ambitious than conditions allow for the home market. The cabinet is in tropical plywood, veneered with aspale, giving it a warm and bright.

The low surface brightness of individual tubes allows them to be installed as visible light sources on walls or ceiling with

### Cold Cathode Tubes

In view of the interest recently displayed in Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lighting in connection with the new Cotton Mills which are to be erected in Kowloon it would seem that a few words in describing this particular form of lighting would not be without some interest to the general and engineering public.

This particular form of lighting is by no means new to this Colony as an installation was carried out by the British General Electric Co. Ltd. in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel as long ago as 1938/39 and a very pleasing lighting effect was obtained. Some of this installation has now been transferred to the verandah of the dining room on the first floor and although originally installed in 1938/39 the tubes are still giving good service, bearing out the claim of the Manufacturers that the life of the tubes is 6,000 hours or more.

The advantages of light sources spread over large areas, of low surface brightness, warmth of tone, vitality and flexibility have been more and more appreciated during recent years, and this system of lighting offers all these advantages combined with an efficiency in terms of light output for current consumed that can only be described as remarkable.

For some time past advanced experimenters in the lighting field have realised that electric discharge tubes offered many of the advantages outlined above, but their low efficiency ruled them out as a serious rival to incandescent lamp lighting.

Today, thanks to the work carried out at the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Co. of England at Wembley, all this has been altered and electric discharge tubes of improved quality in comparison with that apparent under other forms of lighting.

The linear nature of the light sources allows them to be manipulated to suit the shape and decoration of the surrounding.

Straight lines and curves can be made to conform to architectural features. These tubes have a useful life of 6,000 hours and upwards. The efficiency of individual tubes varies from colour to colour, some being of the high order of 45 lumens per watt and upwards.

### Colour Combinations

In planning an installation the following points must be considered in obtaining the correct colour combination:

(a) Appearance of the human face. (b) Colour rendering of fabrics, dresses etc. (c) Warmth of tone. (d) Overall efficiency.

(e) Appearance of the tubes in combination and under these heads the following combinations can be recommended:

(a) 2 Red Tubes and 1 Green Tube. Resultant colour—off white.

Good rendering of fabrics and faces cheerful tendency to get warmer during life.

(b) 2 Gold Tubes and 1 Pink. Resultant Colour—a warm pinky amber suitable for restaurants, cinemas etc. Very constant throughout life.

(c) 2 Gold and 1 Green. Resultant colour—off white. Rather deficient in blue otherwise good rendering of fabric colours.

(d) 1 Pink and 1 Green. Resultant Colour—Colder than other combinations. Quite good on human face and fabrics.

(e) 1 Gold and 1 Blue. Resultant Colour—Very light mauve—Rather deficient in green.

(f) 1 Red, 1 Green and 1 Blue. Mainly used for three colour indirect lighting. When used

### Decorative Effects

Anyone who has seen a rainbow is aware that white light can be split into bands of light of every colour. With electric discharge lighting the position is reversed, and, by blending lines of light of suitable colour, the decorative effect of the rainbow is retained with a resultant combined light quality approximately to white. By varying the percentage of different colours, pleasing warm tones can be obtained. In visible direct lighting installation lines of soft pastel shades enhance the beauty of the decorative surroundings. When placed behind glass or used for indirect lighting various combined shades of agreeable tone can be obtained.

The low surface brightness of individual tubes allows them to be installed as visible light sources on walls or ceiling with

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(g) 2 White and 1 Pink. Resultant colour—a pleasing approximation to daylight. Very good on human faces and fabrics.

(h) 2 White and 1 Gold. Resultant colour—Near daylight. Particularly good on fabrics.

The latest development for industrial use is the introduction of daylight, warm white and intermediate white tubes, these have the same colour rendering of the relative Hot Cathode Tubes—i.e. the 4-ft. and 5-ft. Fluorescent tubes which are now in general use but the efficiency and life of the Cold Cathode Tubes are much higher.

The system of electric discharge tube lighting referred to will only operate off A.C. supplies.

The tubes are of the high tension type and it is therefore necessary to have suitable space available as near the tubes as possible to accommodate the requisite transformers. In the case of the industrial type of fittings the transformers and power factor correction condensers are housed in the actual fitting.

Tubes are normally manufactured in lengths not exceeding 8' 6" viable length with electrodes at each end, but where the tube is bent, longer runs may be supplied provided that the maximum overall length does not exceed 9' 6" one way by 2' the other. Even in such cases, however, it is undesirable to exceed 11' 6" in a single length.

### Dimming

Tubes can be dimmed by means of adjustable chokes, but unlike incandescent lamps, they cannot be dimmed right out.

There comes a stage in dimming at which the discharge begins to flicker, and for this reason dimming can only be carried out to a point where approximately 25% of the initial light remains. For purposes of colour mixing in indirect lighting, this degree of dimming combined with 'on' and 'off' switches for each circuit, gives all the flexibility required.

### Power Factor

The uncorrected power factor is in the order of 0.85 to 0.4 but requisite condensers are supplied with the tubes to bring this up to 0.85. The 8' 6" tube consumes approximately 70 watts, therefore a three tube unit would absorb the following:

3x70+30 watts loss in transformers=230 watts and would give an average lumen output of 210x31=6,510 lumens or 766 lumens per foot of triple tube or 256 lumens per watt of single tube.

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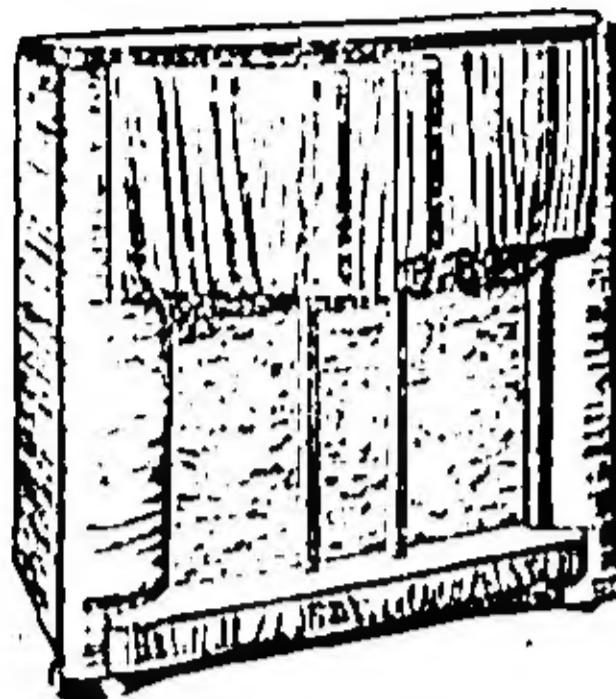
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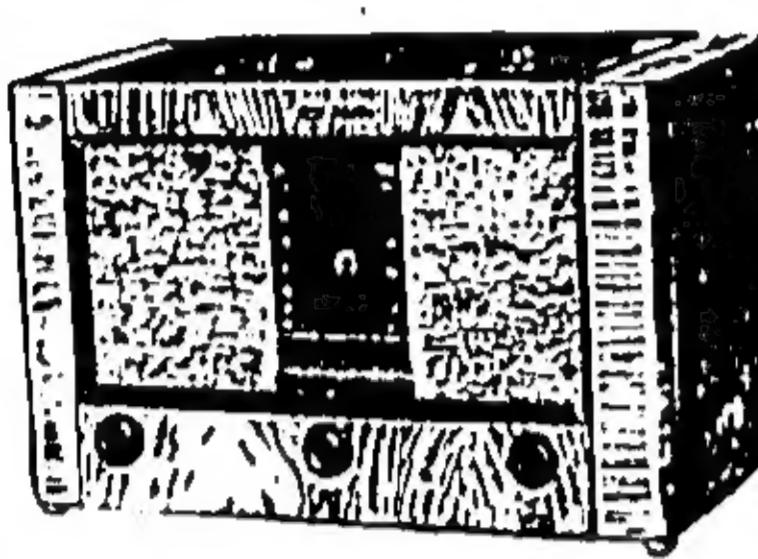
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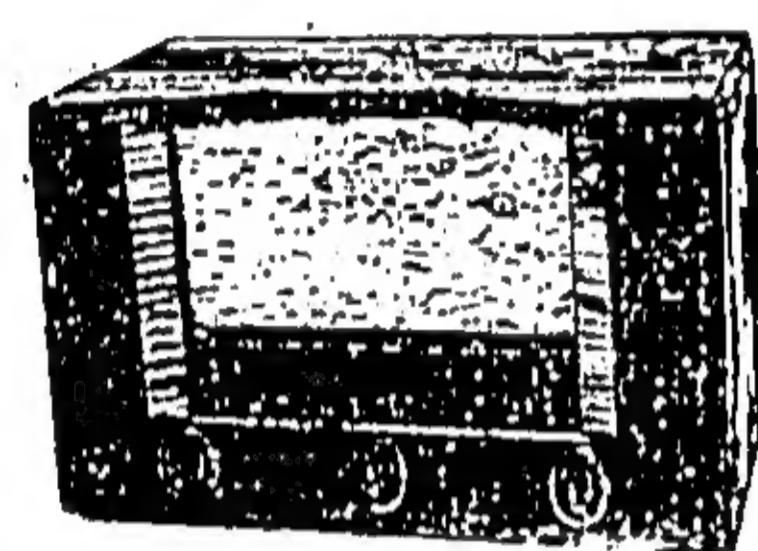
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# LIBYA THE NEXT PERIL?

## Warning By Independence Leader In London

### Palestine Held Up As Example

London, Dec. 23. delegate of the North African independence movement to the United Nations, held a press conference in London today that Britain's passive policy towards Libya might result in a disaster equal to that of Palestine.

"A partition of Libya is beginning to be imminent," he said. "Britain is bearing a great responsibility with her do nothing attitude because her troops still occupy Libya. If this country is to be returned to Italy, it is Britain who will have to do it and hand over the administration to the Italians."

"To the Libyans, to us North Africans, and to the Arabs as a whole, Britain must say her word."

Mr. Bennouna said that the American attitude on Libya was affected by two factors: They had a natural pro-Italian feeling. The Truman doctrine and the Marshall plan to combat Communism in

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#### Carpenter's Lapse

Li Kwong, 26, carpenter, was

sentenced to 10 months' hard labour by Mr. W.H. Luttrell at Kowloon on Tuesday when he pleaded guilty to the larceny of a gold finger ring and \$550 in cash.

Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes said that defendant was employed by Mak Tak-leung (35) who had a shop at 76 Sai Yee Street.

On Nov. 23 complainant went out, leaving defendant in charge of the workshop.

On his return, Mak found that a drawer in his desk had been forced open and that a ring, valued at \$25, and \$550 in cash had been stolen. Defendant had absconded.

Complainant reported to the Mong Kok Police Station but nothing further happened until Dec. 18, when accused returned for his clothes.

He was detained by Mak and taken to the Police Station. There he admitted the theft. The ring, he said, had been sold and the proceeds, together with the \$550, spent.

#### SWEDISH XMAS

Stockholm, Dec. 23. Swedes will celebrate this Christmas warmer, better-fed and better-dressed than in any year since the war. Rations of meat, bread, butter, coffee, tea, coco and soup are ample, but electricity has been rationed for the first time and this has made the traditional illuminations and decorations impossible.—United Press.

Batavia, Dec. 23. The Indonesian Republic today said Dutch forces killed 300 civilians and wounded 200 others over a four-day period in the Kalawang area, 50 miles east of Batavia.

The Republican Information Ministry said in a statement that action referred to by the Dutch as "mopping up" occurred between Dec. 9 and 12.

The statement said the Dutch

admitted such action in a communique referring to action taken against "roving bands in the Kalawang area."

The Dutch communists had said, "These bands have now been rendered harmless." — United Press.

Former Premier Sutan Sjahrir of Indonesia, now Ambassador at large for the Republic, said today there is a possibility he may return home to participate personally in lagging negotiations between the Netherlands and the Republic.—Associated Press.



#### Colonel Nikolai Alexandrovitch Filatov, leader of the Soviet Military Mission expelled from France, has a chat on the platform at the Gare de l'Est, Paris, before boarding a Moscow-bound train. (AP Photo)

#### Communist Organs' Latest Effort

London, Dec. 23. Nazis are being recruited in West Germany to fight in Greece, Turkey and Indonesia, the Communist organ, the Daily Worker, declared under big headlines on its front page today.

The paper also alleged that Nazi "thugs" are being recruited for South Africa, "where they will stiffen the ranks of the extreme reactionaries."

The American and British authorities in Germany, the paper said, "always refusing to let these people in gaol, are actively engaged in supplying them as gunmen to clients in those four areas."

"For Indonesia, the process is a simple one. The thugs are smuggled out of North Germany to a centre in Amsterdam and then dispatched to fight against the Indonesians."

The Daily Worker said that a correspondent of the Soviet Communist Party organ, Pravda, "has investigated the recruiting stations" where the "thugs" are enrolled.

"A whole motorised division has been sent to Java, composed of ex-members of the Hitlerite armed forces."

"They are under the command of a certain Colonel Mueller, who was responsible for the massacre of a large number of Czechoslovak anti-Fascist students in 1943."—Reuter.

#### MAY GO HOME

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The opening of the trial of twelve directors of Reichsbahn Attempat Trial, headed by Alfred Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, began in Krefeld, Germany, on Dec. 1. This faced an American military tribunal charged with war crimes, which included murder.

**Peninsular & Oriental****STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY ARRIVALS**

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"TRYVOSE"	Shanghai	26th Dec.	
"LANCASHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	28th Dec.	
"OZARDA"	Bombay	7th Jan.	
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Jan.	
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	15th Jan.	
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K.	24th Jan.	
"DEVONSHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Feb.	
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	10th Feb.	
"CANTON"	Shanghai	24th Feb.	
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.	

**SAILINGS**

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"STRATHNAVER"	U.K.	24th Dec.
"LANCASHIRE"	Kure	29th Dec.
"TREVOSSE"	Genoa, London	29th Dec.
"TREVETHOE"	Antwerp Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	16th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	17th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Amoy	23rd Jan.
"DEVONSHIRE"	Kure	15th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	16th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	& Continent	24th Feb.

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SHIP	FROM	TO	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	1st Jan.	
"SANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	13th Jan.	

**SAILINGS**

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Amoy & Shanghai	2nd Jan.
"SANGOLA"	& Rangoon	Calcutta via Straits 15th Jan.

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9th Jan. 1948.**Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE**  
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	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

**ARRIVALS**

From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	1st Jan.	m.v. "MANGALORE"
	20th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	Late Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

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San Francisco & Los Angeles	24th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
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**BRITAIN'S EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN STERLING**

London, Dec. 23. Britain is reshaping her international trade and financial agreements for the second time within a year—in an effort to strengthen the Pound Sterling as the world's most desirable currency next to dollars.

The collapse of dollar convertibility last August pulled the props from the earlier financial edifice.

Convertibility agreements with other nations had been shaped to permit the exchange of Sterling among these other countries with the backing of its eventual convertibility for dollars.

Thus the confidence in dollars, which were backed by surplus food and machinery production, would have been transferred in some measure to Sterling.

The new plan has launched Sterling out into the world to make its own way—with two "made in Britain" supports. One is the negotiation of trade agreements that amount almost to bilateral barter.

The other is financial agreements under which some countries agreed to virtual holding of limited cash balances without demanding gold or dollars for them.

Some selective buying, however, was noticeable in Kaffirs but this had ended up by midday leaving the market quietly steady.

Commodity issues were also firm, particularly tea shares, which were sought after in hopes of an increase in producer of the price of this commodity.

Argentine rail hardened on anticipations that a special Argentine congress which tabled for this weekend will ratify the take-over agreement.

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This pact, however, does not involve kindred financial negotiations for it is designed to work out at an event even exchange.

The "pattern agreement" for the new series of financial pacts was made with Belgium this autumn.

Britain and Belgium agreed to hold up to £12,000,000 worth of each other's currency which either might obtain in the swing of trade. Their trade involves mainly the exchange of British iron and steel manufactures for Belgian flax.

After either one has that amount they agreed to discuss possibilities of converting it into other currencies—but there is no automatic conversion.

Holland has a similar agreement with a £10,000,000 ceiling. The ceiling is about reached.—Associated Press.

**Good Progress**

London, Dec. 23. The Treasury tonight reported "good progress" in the financial and trade talks and discussions on new arrangements to be made between the sterling area and the Dutch monetary zone for 1948.

The talks have been going on for the past 10 days between Netherlands and British Government representatives. "There is every possibility that trade be-

Gold continued its upswing yesterday, gaining another 10 points to close at \$280.75, and was down to \$278 for a time before heavy buying started the spirit which brought it up to \$283.75. It eased off slightly at the close.

Plastics made another climb yesterday and closed at \$11.80 a 100. Opening rate was \$11.87½, and highest rate of the day was \$12.95.

Chinese National Currency futures were quoted nominal at 32½ cents for CN\$10,000. Spot opened at 42 cts and closed at 43 cts.

U.S. dollars were up and closed yesterday at 5.02½.

Sterling was easier at \$13.30 &amp; Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

Ticals were firmer at \$28.50 a 100, whilst NEI-Gulders weakened to \$20.00.

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"SZECHUEN" ..... Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok ... 1 p.m. 1st Jan.  
"HUEHII" ..... Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai & Tientsin ... 5 p.m. 3rd Jan.  
"FNGTEN" ..... Japan Ports ... 4 p.m. 6th Jan.  
"YOCHOW" ..... Singapore & Benning ... 4 p.m. 7th Jan.

\* Sails from Custodian Wharf

## ARRIVALS FROM

"FOOCHOW" ..... Java & Singapore ... 6 a.m. 25th Dec.  
"HUEHII" ..... Swatow ... a.m. 27th Dec.  
"NANCHANG" ..... Shanghai ... 27th Dec.  
"NINGHAI" ..... Bangkok ... 28th Dec.  
"SHENGKING" ..... Shanghai ... 7 a.m. 31st Dec.  
"YOCHOW" ..... S'pore & Holow ... 31st Dec.

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U.K. via Straits ... 27th Dec.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10.00 a.m. Registered and Parcels will close at 5.00 p.m. on previous day.

## GENERAL HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, DEC. 25  
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Shanghai, Hankow, Nanking, Tsinling and Peiping, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shantou, Kwantung, and Fuchow; Airmail for Kwelling, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) Noon.

Closing Times by Sea and Train.

Macau, Tsinling and Shekki, 8 a.m. Canton, Noon.

Japan (ordinary letters and cards only), Noon.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Reg., Reg. and Ord.) Noon.

Strait, Noon.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow; Airmail for Kwelling, (Reg.) Noon.

Closing Times by Sea and Train.

Macau, Tsinling and Shekki, 8 a.m. Canton, Noon.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

FRI. 26, DEC. 26

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

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Manila P.I., Noon.

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## AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

## ARRIVALS FROM

Singapore via Bangkok

Dec. 29, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.

Dec. 29, BOAC (Capt. John-  
son) 2:10 p.m.

Marshall

Dec. 30, Cathay Pacific noon.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 1045 a.m.

Dec. 26, HK Airways (Capt. Varley), 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)

Dec. 25, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Seattle

Dec. 26, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok

Dec. 27, BOAC (Capt. Black-  
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Dec. 27, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.

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ARRIVALS IN PORT

Admiral (William) ... 8 a.m. DK

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### Quadrangular Rugger Games

Chief interest in Saturday's Quadrangular Rugger games will be focused on the first meeting of the Club and the Army on the Club Ground at 4.15. The Club have so far won both their matches, whereas the Army were beaten by the Navy last weekend.

The Club, however, are not a convincing combination at the moment and the Army backs have the makings of a very dangerous combination who may well give the Club defence a severe headache especially on the larger Club ground, where their speedy wings should show to every advantage. Club as usual should have an advantage forward, though they will not be at full strength, Forsgate still being on the injured list and Small and Brown having moved to the three-quarter line.

If the Army, as they well may, can win, they will level up with the Club with two wins each and, probably, the Navy also who, on not so far, should easily dispose of the R.A.F. and Police in the other game at 3.15.

The present positions are as follows:

	P. W. L. Pts.	Pts.	for next
Club	2	2	0
Navy	2	1	17
Army	2	1	9
R.A.F. & Police	2	0	9
Forsgate	2	0	2
Total	2	0	23

The Rugby Football fixtures for Saturday on the Club ground are: R.A.F. & Police v. Navy, 3.15; Club v. Army, 4.15.

### HOME RUGBY

London, Dec. 23.

England's rugby union team, containing three new internationals, to oppose Australia at Twickenham on January 3, was announced today as follows: S. Newman (Oxford University), R. Garside (Waterloo), N. Bennett (United Services), E. Scott (Redruth), D. Swarbrick (Oxford University), N. Hall (Boscombe Park), R. Madge (Exeter), G. Gibbs (Bristol), J. Keeling (Guy's Hospital), H. Walker (Coventry), J. Mycock (Sale) S. Perry (Cambridge University), M. Steele-Bodger (Edinburgh University), D. Vaughn (Devonport Services), B. Travers (Oxford University).

The three players to gain full caps for the first time are: Keeling (hooker), Madge (scrum-half), and Vaughn.

Newman is a South African and Travers an Australian.—Reuters.

Needle games in both the Men's "A" Division and Ladies Loop feature the programme for this week-end, as the Saints grapple with the Canadians at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday at the C.B.A. Ground, while the Wahoos cross bats with the Wildcats at 2.30 in a game which all keen ball-fans have been waiting for.

The Madcaps come up against their last hurdle in the senior loop when they meet a much reinforced Filipino contingent at 9.30 a.m. The Ramblings Rees take on the South China outfit on their own Diamond at King's Park. Ever since the Saints were downed by the Rees on the Opening Day, they have settled down to serious business and have enjoyed a winning streak of four games, and the reason they have not figured prominently in the batting race is that they have been content to utilise their substitutes in most games, saving their hits for a rainy day. The Day having come, Stan Leonard will field his strongest nine, featuring his famous "murderer's row" of Dave "El Bambino" Leonard, Stan himself and Jindoo "Muscle" Hussain. The Bud did not earn his sobriquet on good looks and proved that his swing is still dangerous as he smacked the apple right out of the park recently for the longest hit this season. Stan Leonard is battoning currently 465 and if he fails there will still be Jindoo Hussain.

### Giant Killer

Everybody loves to be a giant-killer, and Canucks Chief Bill Woo is no exception, for he has sworn to humble the mighty Saints—even if he won't beat anybody else. The Canucks played a swell brand of ball last week and it was only after fifteen grueling innings that the Rees managed to beat them. They may, or may not, be able to do it, but we leave it to you to judge from the line-ups:

**RAINTS** (At C.B.A. Ground—28.12.47)

Jack Brown	P. Keene	John Martin
Han Immanuel	C. John Martin	Latty Fisher
Stan Leonard	III	Terry Jamall
Billy O'Farrell	II	George White
Jindoo Hussain	I.P.	Bill Woo
Sherry Bucks	CF	Luke Dunn
Bimbi Aliong	RF	Dan Robbins

(At Recreio Football Ground—28.12.47)

1.00 p.m. Rexes v. Wildfires
(Hal Wingee, Philo Remedios, Sabu Samy).
4.00 p.m. Rexes v. Wildfires
(Hal Wingee, Philo Remedios, Langenberg).

(At Recreio Football Ground—28.12.47)

2.30 p.m. Cosmos v. Braves (Ed. Murques, Ren Siqueira, Blas Respa).
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## U.S. REPORTS DETAILS OF PERSIA PACT Military Experts Of Other Powers Barred

New York, Dec. 23.

The United States, acting under its "open diplomatic policy," has reported to the United Nations the details of a pact signed with Persia at Teheran in October, under which a United States military mission will assist in "enhancing the efficiency of the Persian Army." The pact includes a clause which prevents military experts of other powers from dealing with Persian Army affairs without the consent of the United States.

The agreement is effective from October 6, 1947, to March 20, 1949.

The Persian Government has the right to extend the agreement if it wishes and it can be terminated by either Government at any time on a written notice that the Government considers it necessary due to domestic disturbances or foreign hostility.

The duties of the United States mission will be to advise and assist the Persian Ministry of War and the subordinate sections of the Persian General Staff on organization, administrative principles and training methods.

Advice on tactical and strategical plans or operations against a foreign enemy are excluded from the mission's tasks.

The pact also provides that mission members will be paid by Persia in American currency and not be taxed by Persia.

The Persian Government will also pay part of the living expenses of the mission and one-third of its transport costs.

State Department official said tonight that the pact merely continued an arrangement in force since 1942. This was the first time this agreement between the two countries had been brought under the official notice of the United Nations because this was the first time it had been renewed since the United Nations were established. The terms of the agreement had not been changed in any material way and it was not contemplated that American personnel in Persia would now be strengthened.—Reuters.

### CRICKET

The following will represent Club de Recreio at cricket against Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday at the Valley:

D. H. R. Clelland—D. S. Robb; N. A. Brown—S. S. Gordon; E. L. Gosano (Capt.), A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Pereira, Jr., P. M. da Silva, Jr., L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, H. A. Barros, A. P. Ricci-Pereira, A. A. Gutierrez and D. M. Rodrigues.

The following will represent the Army against Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Capt. Darwin, Maj. Murray, Brown, Major Wong, Capt. Drew, Lt. Stephen, Lt. Porrow, Capt. Robert, Major Majendie, Lt. Blundell, Major Slane and Capt. Blinsland.

The following are the teams for the Intra Club game at Craigengower Cricket Club on Boxing Day:

Married—C. W. Lam (Capt.), G. Hong Choy, H. P. Lim, T. E. Yeo, H. H. Iannai, D. Leonard, Neoh, J. Leonard, A. Kurunaru, T. Leonard, W. Hong Sling, S. Singles, S. Ramchand (Capt.), R. R. Iranees, P. J. Billinoris, I. M. Omar, L. Wong, A. M. Omar, N. Leonard, S. Leonard, A. N. Other, C. S. Carr, P. Esmail, Scorer; G. Seusa.

Adelaide, Dec. 23.

Despite a patient 'innings' of 108 in 3 hours 41 minutes by their captain, Phil Ridings, and a stylish 72 in two and a quarter hours by Test player Ron Hamer, South Australia failed by eight runs to save the follow-on today in their Sheffield Shield match with New South Wales.

South Australia, 150 for 3 overnight, were out for 352 in reply to the New South Wales' total of 509. Following on 187 runs behind, South Australia were 27 for 2 at the close.—Reuters.

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## Kaiser Shifted From Office

Hamburg, Dec. 23.

Jakob Kaiser, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany, and Dr. Ernst Lemmer, joint chairman of the party in the Soviet Zone, "removed from office" last week on Russian orders, said in Berlin today that only a party congress in Berlin, convened according to the party's regulations and free to make a decision, could decide whether they were to remain in office.

The statement was issued by Dr. Kaiser's headquarters in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

In his statement, Herr Kaiser declared that he and Lemmer were "obstructed by the interference of the Soviet military administration" in fulfilling their tasks and responsibilities for the Christian Democratic Union in the Soviet Zone.

From their interference it must be concluded that there was no longer any possibility of taking the democratic way by pursuing an independent policy in the Soviet Zone, he said.

Herr Kaiser said that it was impossible to continue the Union's policy in the eastern zone of Germany. He would remain in Berlin, where he would serve the rebirth of Germany.

From the very start the Christian Democratic Union opposed the tendencies prevailing in the eastern zone, aiming at Marxism and totalitarian unity, Dr. Kai-

ser added.—Reuters.